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1                   **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2                   **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 ON PAGE 150.]**

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6   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING. I ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE  
7   RISE. THIS MORNING WE WILL BE LED IN OUR INVOCATION BY PASTOR  
8   GREG HUGHES, MALIBU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOLLOWED BY A PLEDGE  
9   OF ALLEGIANCE WHICH WILL BE LED BY MR. ROLAND BROWN, CHAPLAIN,  
10   POST NO. 11087, V.F.W. OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. PASTOR  
11   HUGHES.

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13   **PASTOR GREG HUGHES:** THANK YOU. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE HERE. LET  
14   US PRAY. ALMIGHTY AND GRACIOUS GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY  
15   THE PRIVILEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN IT, FOR ALL THE POTENTIAL THAT  
16   IT HOLDS FOR US. LORD, WE ASK YOUR BLESSING UPON THIS MEETING.  
17   WE THANK YOU FOR THESE CIVIL SERVANTS AS THEY SEEK TO DO GOOD  
18   IN THIS COUNTY. WE THANK YOU ALSO FOR THOSE THAT SEEK TO  
19   PROTECT US THROUGHOUT THE WEEKS AND THE MONTHS AND THE YEARS.  
20   WE THANK YOU FOR THE SHERIFF AND THE POLICE AND THE  
21   FIREFIGHTERS AND ALL THAT WORK FOR US IN THIS COUNTY. IN THE  
22   SHADOW OF SEPTEMBER 11TH, WE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE WHO LOST  
23   LOVED ONES IN THAT HORRIFIC TRAGEDY. WE PRAY YOUR PEACE AND  
24   COMFORT TO BE UPON THEM, AS WELL. LORD, IN THIS DAY AND AGE  
25   WHEN GOLD SEEMS TO RULE, WE ALSO PRAY THAT YOUR GOLDEN RULE



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1 MAY PREVAIL, AS WELL, THAT WE MIGHT DO UNTO OTHERS AS WE'D  
2 HAVE THEM DO UNTO US. LORD, BLESS THIS TIME AND THIS DAY. WE  
3 PRAY THIS IN GOD'S NAME, AMEN.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AMEN.

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7 **ROLAND BROWN:** WOULD EVERYONE PLEASE PLEASE FACE THE FLAG AND  
8 PUT YOUR RIGHT HANDS OVER YOUR HEART. REPEAT AFTER ME. [PLEDGE  
9 OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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11 **ROLAND BROWN:** THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? SUPERVISOR  
14 YAROSLAVSKY WILL BE DOWN IN A SECOND.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
17 COLLEAGUES. WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK OUR LEADER IN  
18 TERMS OF THE FLAG SALUTE THIS MORNING. HE IS NONE OTHER THAN  
19 ROLAND BROWN, CHAPLAIN AND YOU WOULD WISH TO KNOW HE'S FROM  
20 THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST NO. 11087 IN INGLEWOOD. HE  
21 SERVED IN THE U.S. NAVY FROM 1950 TO 1955. HE HAS RECEIVED  
22 QUITE A NUMBER OF DECORATIONS THAT INCLUDE A GOOD CONDUCT  
23 MEDAL AND A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. HE IS A GRADUATE  
24 OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL IN SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA,  
25 AND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS. MR. BROWN'S





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1 GRANDDAUGHTER IS HERE WITH US TODAY, AND WE WANT TO MAKE NOTE  
2 OF THE FACT, WHERE IS SHE, I WANT HER TO STAND? OH, THERE SHE  
3 IS. GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. HER GRANDDAD WANTED TO  
4 KNOW THAT HIS GRANDDAUGHTER WAS HERE. SO TODAY ON BEHALF OF  
5 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE TAKE PRIDE IN  
6 YOUR BEING HERE AND WE ARE HONORED BY YOUR PRESENCE, AND WE  
7 PRESENT YOU WITH THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR YOUR  
8 CONTRIBUTION TODAY AT TODAY'S MEETING. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR.  
9 BROWN. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE WILL, LIKE I SAID, ZEV  
12 SHOULD BE DOWN SHORTLY. I THINK HE WANTS TO DO THAT ONE.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AS MENTIONED WE WERE LED IN THE  
15 INVOCATION THIS MORNING BY PASTOR GREG HUGHES WHO WAS ORDAINED  
16 IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN 1990. HE SERVED GOOD SHEPHERD  
17 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LOS ALAMITOS FROM 1990 TO 2000. HE HAS  
18 BEEN IN MALIBU PRESBYTERIAN SINCE 2000. HE'S A SECOND  
19 GENERATION NATIVE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIAN. HE'S A GRADUATE OF  
20 WESTMONT COLLEGE IN SANTA BARBARA, THE PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL  
21 SEMINARY IN PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY. HE'S CURRENTLY WORKING ON  
22 HIS DOCTORATE AT SANFORD UNIVERSITY PEACE AND DIVINITY SCHOOL  
23 IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. HE'S MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN  
24 AND WE WANT TO GIVE HIM THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AND  
25 THANK HIM FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF HIS BUSY SCHEDULE TO JOIN US



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1 HERE TODAY AND LEAD US IN A WONDERFUL INVOCATION. PASTOR.  
2 [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. WE ARE GOING TO PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
5 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE  
6 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D AND  
7 2-D. ON ITEM NO. 2-D, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
8 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 1-D IS BEFORE YOU.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE  
15 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10. ON  
18 ITEM NO. 1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO  
19 HOLD THIS ITEM.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 2, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
24 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
25 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2009.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ITEM 2 WILL BE CONTINUED.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD I JUST ASK FOR A POINT OF PERSONAL  
5 PRIVILEGE? I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING LATE, BUT I WANTED TO MAKE A  
6 COMMENT ABOUT PASTOR HUGHES FROM THE MALIBU PRESBYTERIAN  
7 CHURCH. I DON'T KNOW WHAT WAS SAID EARLIER, BUT THIS IS THE  
8 CHURCH THAT WAS BURNED IN THE MALIBU FIRE LAST YEAR. LAST YEAR  
9 OR-- TWO YEARS AGO. SO MANY FIRES WE CAN'T KEEP TRACK. AND IT  
10 WAS A TRAGIC SITUATION, BUT ONE OF THE SILVER LININGS TO THAT  
11 CLOUD WAS HOW THE COMMUNITY OF MALIBU, ALL THE RELIGIOUS  
12 GROUPS, THE VARIOUS RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS CAME TOGETHER AND  
13 THE COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER TO HELP. AND PASTOR HUGHES HAS  
14 BEEN THE LINCHPIN OF THIS REBUILD EFFORT. AND I TRUST THAT  
15 THINGS ARE GOING WELL. AND WE WISH YOU WELL AND THANK YOU FOR  
16 COMING DOWN HERE THIS MORNING.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ITEM 2 WILL BE CONTINUED ONE  
19 WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 22ND.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 9, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A  
22 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINING  
23 ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
2    RIDLEY-THOMAS. CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
3    ORDERED.

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5    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 7, CONSENT CALENDAR,  
6    ITEMS 11 THROUGH 47. ON ITEM NO. 11, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS  
7    THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2009.

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9    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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11   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 19, AS INDICATED ON THE  
12   SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM  
13   BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2009.

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15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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17   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 25, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
18   REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO.--

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20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ITEM WAS THAT?

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22   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 25. ON ITEM NO. 27, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM  
23   A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 30,  
24   THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
25   ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 42, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES NO ON THIS ITEM.



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1 ON ITEM NO. 43, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
2 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2009. THE REMAINING  
3 ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE  
6 CHAIR WILL SECOND. NOTING THE NO VOTE BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA ON  
7 ITEM NO. 42.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 22, ORDINANCES FOR  
10 INTRODUCTION. ITEM NO. 48 AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR  
11 THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17, PARKS,  
12 BEACHES AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN PARKS,  
13 AND THERE A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
14 ITEM. SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 49 AND 50, AND I'LL READ THE  
15 SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD ON ITEM NO. 49. THIS IS A  
16 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT  
17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE LOS  
18 ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
19 ELECTION 2002 MEASURE K ELECTION 2004, MEASURE R AND ELECTION  
20 2005 MEASURE Y, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO  
21 EXCEED \$1.9 BILLION, AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM THERE'S A REQUEST  
22 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 50,  
23 THIS IS THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO  
24 ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE  
25 PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION



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1 BONDS ELECTION 2002, 2009 SERIES D AND 2009 SERIES E IN  
2 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52 MILLION.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.  
5 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
6 ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 51 AND 52. ON ITEM  
9 51, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A DISCUSSION. ON ITEM 52, WE WILL  
10 ALSO HOLD THIS FOR A DISCUSSION. HOWEVER, AS INDICATED ON THE  
11 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REQUESTS  
12 THAT PORTION OF THE REPORT IN CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS  
13 RELATING TO CHANGES TO PROPOSITION 36, ALCOHOL AND DRUG  
14 PROGRAM SERVICE AGREEMENTS, BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER  
15 22ND, 2009.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH  
20 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS  
21 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 53-A.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE  
24 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 53-B, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY  
2 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER  
3 29TH, 2009.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 53-C?

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE THAT. SECONDED BY  
10 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 53-D.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE THAT AND SECONDED BY  
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 26, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON  
18 ITEM NO. C.S.-4, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT  
19 THIS ITEM BE TAKEN OFF CALENDAR.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
24 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
25 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST ASK ONE QUESTION. DID ITEM 12 GET  
3 ACTED ON OR IS THAT HELD?

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 12 WAS APPROVED.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I MOVE RECONSIDERATION FOR DISCUSSION?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT  
10 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE HOLDING THAT ITEM?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, HOLD IT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES. OKAY. IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE  
17 OUR SEPTEMBER 2009 L.A. COUNTY STARS. IN THE CATEGORY OF  
18 SERVICE EXCELLENCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS. WE WANT  
19 TO WELCOME THE JOINT CHILD SUPPORT ARREST WARRANT PROJECT  
20 TEAM, FROM OUR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT. ALSO THE  
21 OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. SO JOINING US IS OUR DISTRICT  
22 ATTORNEY, STEVE COOLEY-- IS STEVE HERE? AS WELL AS OUR  
23 C.S.S.D. DIRECTOR, STEVE GOLIGHTLY. SO THE CHILD SUPPORT  
24 SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ESTABLISHING  
25 AND ENFORCING CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS IN MORE THAN 400,000



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1 CASES. TOO OFTEN THESE NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS WHO CLEARLY HAVE  
2 THE FINANCIAL ABILITY TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR CHILDREN FAIL TO DO  
3 SO, CHOOSING INSTEAD TO PLACE OTHER PRIORITIES ABOVE THEIR  
4 MOST BASIC OBLIGATIONS AS PARENTS AND IN MANY CASES BECOME A  
5 COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY. SOMETIMES THE ONLY WAY TO GET THE  
6 ATTENTION OF SUCH PARENTS IS BY PROSECUTING THEM CRIMINALLY.  
7 THAT OPTION ONLY WORKS, HOWEVER, IF CRIMINAL CHARGES ARE  
8 BACKED UP WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES FOCUSED ON ENSURING  
9 THAT PARENTS WHO NEGLECT THEIR CHILDREN FACE ARREST AND EVEN  
10 JAIL TIME IF THEY CONTINUE TO REFUSE TO MEET THEIR OBLIGATIONS  
11 OBLIGATIONS. IN 2007 WITH THE ENTHUSIASTIC BACKING OF BOTH  
12 STEVEN GOLIGHTLY, THE DIRECTOR OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, AND  
13 OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY STEVE COOLEY, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
14 ALLOCATED OVER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE STARTUP OF THE  
15 CHILD SUPPORT ARREST WARRANT PROJECT. THE COUNTY'S DOLLARS ARE  
16 MATCHED TWO FOR ONE WITH FEDERAL DOLLARS TO FUND THE PROJECT.  
17 THE CHILD SUPPORT ARREST WARRANT PROJECT IS A TRUE JOINT  
18 EFFORT BETWEEN THESE DEPARTMENTS. AND A TEAM OF DISTRICT  
19 ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS IS ASSIGNED TO WORK FULL-TIME SIDE BY  
20 SIDE WITH BOTH STAFF ATTORNEYS AND CHILD SUPPORT OFFICERS AND  
21 CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES TO SECURE SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN OF  
22 FAMILIES WHEN ALL OTHER EFFORTS FAIL TO GET THESE PARENTS TO  
23 LIVE UP TO THEIR PRIMARY OBLIGATIONS. THROUGH THE TEAMS'S  
24 EFFORTS, 1,472 PARENTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, CITED OR  
25 SURRENDERED IN COURT. EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT NUMBER,





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1   HOWEVER, IS THE AMOUNT OF CHILD SUPPORT THAT HAS BEEN  
2   COLLECTED FOR THOSE FAMILIES THAT NEED IT MOST. IN THE FIRST  
3   YEAR, THE ARREST WARRANT PROJECT'S OPERATION, CHILD SUPPORT  
4   COLLECTIONS IN CRIMINAL CASES INCREASED BY ALMOST 50 PERCENT,  
5   FROM 2.8 MILLION TO 4.2 MILLION. FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE  
6   PROJECT THROUGH JULY OF THIS YEAR, COLLECTIONS IN CRIMINAL  
7   CASES EXCEED \$7 MILLION. [APPLAUSE.] YEAH, LET'S GIVE THEM A  
8   BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THE TEAM MEMBERS WHO YOU SEE BEHIND ME  
9   RECEIVED THEIR SCROLLS BEFORE THE MEETING, BUT WE JUST WANT TO  
10   THANK THEM AND GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR A JOB  
11   WELL DONE. I'M GOING TO ASK STEVEN TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS.  
12   AND THEN I'LL PRESENT THE SCROLL.

13

14   **STEVEN GOLIGHTLY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR FOR YOUR RECOGNITION,  
15   YOUR SUPPORT AND THAT OF THE C.E.O. IS REALLY CRITICAL TO THIS  
16   UNDERTAKING. THIS CLEARLY AS YOU LOOK BEHIND ME, SUPERVISOR,  
17   IS A VERY VISIBLE COLLABORATION WITHIN THE COUNTY FAMILY. I  
18   WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, THOUGH, TO SHARE WITH THE  
19   LISTENING AUDIENCE THAT IF YOU HAVE FALLEN ON TOUGH TIMES,  
20   PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE CALL US OR COME IN TO ONE OF OUR  
21   OFFICES. IF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED, WE CAN HELP YOU  
22   MODIFY YOUR CHILD SUPPORT ORDER TO A MORE REALISTIC LEVEL. WE  
23   CAN ONLY HELP YOU, HOWEVER, IF YOU TALK TO US. DON'T LET YOUR  
24   BALANCE GET OUT OF HAND. EVEN THOUGH THIS PROJECT TODAY HAS  
25   GENERATED A SIGNIFICANT AND SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS, IT



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1 IS A VERY SMALL PART OF OUR ENTIRE OPERATION. AND, AGAIN, WE  
2 ALL ARE VERY PROUD TO BE A PART OF THIS PROJECT, SUPERVISOR,  
3 AND THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR RECOGNITION THIS MORNING.

4 [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO THANK YOU, IN PARTICULAR, SUPERVISOR KNABE,  
7 FOR YOUR SUPPORT, BUT THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
8 THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK  
9 SUPERVISOR-- OUR DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR STEVEN GOLIGHTLY AND OUR  
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THIS. IT HAS BEEN  
11 SUBSTANTIAL. IT'S BEEN ONGOING AND IT'S BEEN EVERYTHING THAT  
12 WE NEEDED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. BUT MORE THAN THAT, I WANT TO  
13 THANK EVERY MEMBER OF THIS TEAM. WE'VE DONE A FABULOUS JOB  
14 BECAUSE WE HAVE FABULOUS PEOPLE WORKING WITH US AND FOR US AND  
15 OUR COMMITMENT TO THE CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS NEVER  
16 WAVERED IN ALL THIS TIME. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. JUST LIKE THE  
19 POST OFFICE, YOU DON'T WANT TO BE ONE OF THE 10 MOST WANTED IN  
20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THESE FOLKS WILL FIND YOU. SOME GREAT  
21 STORIES. MOTHER-IN-LAW TURNING PEOPLE IN, FIANCES. IT'S BEEN  
22 PRETTY AMAZING. NEXT, WE HAVE, EVERY MEMBER'S GOING TO BE ABLE  
23 TO PRESENT A SCROLL HERE. BILL TANTER WAS A LONG TIME  
24 ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. HE WAS A NATIONALLY  
25 RECOGNIZED LEADER AND A ROLE MODEL FOR THE DISABILITY



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1 COMMUNITY. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES  
2 ESTABLISHED A BILL TAINTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO OFFER HIGH  
3 SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES A FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY TO  
4 BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENT THROUGH HIGHER  
5 EDUCATION. EVERY YEAR THE COMMISSION SELECTS AN OUTSTANDING  
6 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FROM EACH DISTRICT TO RECEIVE THEIR  
7 SCHOLARSHIP. I'M GOING TO START BY INTRODUCING THE FOURTH  
8 DISTRICT AWARDEE, AND THEN MY COLLEAGUES WILL FOLLOW. I'M  
9 GOING TO ASK JOSEPH HONEYU, JOSEPH, COME ON UP TO JOIN ME.  
10 JOSEPH GRADUATED FROM NORTH HIGH SCHOOL IN TORRENS AND WILL BE  
11 ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA BARBARA IN THE  
12 FALL. ALTHOUGH LIFE HAS CHALLENGED JOSEPH WITH AUTISM AND  
13 DYSLEXIA, IT HAS NEVER BEEN AN OBSTACLE FOR HIM. HE HAS  
14 DEMONSTRATED HIS COMMITMENT TO HIGHER EDUCATION BOTH IN  
15 ACADEMICS AND IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. HE IS THE  
16 PRESIDENT OF THE CHESS CLUB, A TEACHER'S AIDE AT CONGREGATION  
17 URTAMID. HE IS THE CALIFORNIA SCHOLASTIC FEDERATION AND WORKS  
18 DILIGENTLY AS AN EMPLOYEE AT PETCO. HE'S A YOUNG MAN WITH A  
19 BRIGHT FUTURE WHO PLANS TO SHAPE HIS FUTURE BY ATTAINING A  
20 HIGHER EDUCATION IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING. SO PLEASE JOIN ME AS  
21 WE CONGRATULATE AND THANK JOSEPH HONEYU AND WISH HIM THE VERY,  
22 VERY BEST IN HIS FUTURE ACTIVITIES. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **JOSEPH HONEYU:** I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY PARENTS FOR EVERYTHING  
25 THEY'VE DONE FOR ME. YOU MAY NOT KNOW, BUT MY PARENTS HELPED



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1 ME A LOT IN MY DAILY STRUGGLE WITH MY LIFE. AND THEY ARE ONE  
2 OF THE BEST PARENTS IN THE WORLD TO ME. AND THEY'RE VERY  
3 SPECIAL TO ME. THAT'S WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY ABOUT MY  
4 PARENTS. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
7 THOMAS? THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SORRY.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING. I'M VERY HONORED THIS  
14 MORNING TO PRESENT THE BILL TANTER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TO A  
15 RECIPIENT DAVID RITTER. HE WASN'T ABLE TO JOIN US THIS MORNING  
16 BECAUSE HE'S IN SCHOOL, RIGHT? SO HIS MOM IS HERE, LINDA  
17 RITTER AND WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR HAVING AN  
18 OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR. DAVID IS A GRADUATE OF DIAMOND RANCH HIGH  
19 SCHOOL AND IS NOW BEGINNING HIS SCHOOLS AT UNIVERSITY OF  
20 LAVERNE. WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL, HE EXCELLED ACADEMICALLY, AND  
21 THRIVED IN THE PERFORMING ARTS. DAVID PARTICIPATED IN MANY  
22 PRODUCTIONS, INCLUDING "THE SHADOW BOX," "THE SCARLET  
23 PIMPERNEL," "THE TAMING OF THE SHREW" AS WELL AS MANY OTHERS.  
24 WE WANT TO THANK HIM AND WE WANT TO WISH HIM THE BEST OF LUCK



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1 AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR SON FOR THE OUTSTANDING  
2 WORK. CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS AWARD.

3

4 **LINDA RITTER:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
7 COLLEAGUES. MAY I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TO ZYLENE  
8 GRACE BALUCEN. AND WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT SHE IS THE RECIPIENT  
9 FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND WE WILL WISH FOR YOU TO KNOW  
10 DESPITE HER BILATERAL HEARING IMPAIRMENT, SHE MAINTAINS A  
11 STRONG COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND NOT ONLY ACADEMIC  
12 EXCELLENCE BUT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AS WELL. SHE IS  
13 INVOLVED IN HER SCHOOL'S BOYS AND GIRLS' CLUB, THE I.C.C.  
14 CLUB, AND WHAT'S KNOWN AS THE V.C.Y.C. CLUB. SHE IS WELL-  
15 ROUNDED AS A YOUNG PERSON WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE WHO PLANS TO  
16 PURSUE HER HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE AREA OF MEDICINE. I WANT TO  
17 SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO HER ON RECEIVING THE BILL TAINTER  
18 SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
19 DISABILITIES. AND WE KNOW THAT SHE WILL CONTINUE TO REACH HER  
20 GOALS AND PURSUE THE EXCELLENCE THAT IS BEFORE US. SO ZYLENE,  
21 THANK YOU. AND WE'RE DELIGHTED TO PRESENT THIS PRESENTATION TO  
22 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS KELLY SHERMAN HERE? KELLY SHERMAN? WE  
25 HAVE A PRESENTATION FOR HIM AND WE'LL MAKE SURE-- KELSEY



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1 SHERMAN, I'M SORRY. WE'LL MAKE SURE HE GETS IT. HE'S A STUDENT  
2 AT CANOGA PARK HIGH SCHOOL AND HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AT SENIOR  
3 VALLEY ADULT SCHOOL THIS FALL. AND WE'LL MAKE SURE HE GETS  
4 THIS. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, STEVEN NEGO FROM THE SAN  
9 GABRIEL VALLEY IS NOT WITH US TODAY BUT LET ME READ WHAT HE  
10 HAS ACCOMPLISHED AS A GRADUATE OF SAN GABRIEL HIGH SCHOOL,  
11 HE'S BEEN ACCEPTED TO ATTEND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
12 NORTHRIDGE. ALTHOUGH LIFE HAS CHALLENGED STEVEN WITH A HEARING  
13 IMPAIRMENT, IT'S NEVER BEEN AN OBSTACLE FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS.  
14 HE DEMONSTRATED A STRONG COMMITMENT IN EDUCATION BOTH IN THE  
15 ACADEMIC AND IN HIS SCHOOL'S EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. HE'S  
16 TAKEN A LEADERSHIP POSITION AS COMMUNICATION OFFICER OF THE  
17 ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM AND HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE TENNIS AND  
18 ALSO WITH THE SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAMS. HE HAS RECEIVED MANY  
19 AWARDS WITH HIS CERTIFICATE OF SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL  
20 RECOGNITION AT THE CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION, THIRD PLACE  
21 WINNER OF NATIONAL ART COMPETITION. A CERTIFICATE OF HONOR AND  
22 COMPLETION OF PHOTOGRAPHY AT THE LOS ANGELES CHINESE AMERICAN  
23 MUSEUM. SO HE'S A VERY WELL-ROUNDED YOUNG MAN WITH A BRIGHT  
24 FUTURE WHO PLANS TO SHAPE HIS FUTURE BY ATTENDING AND





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1 ACHIEVING HIS ACADEMIC DEGREE AT THE CALIFORNIA STATE  
2 UNIVERSITY AT NORTHRIDGE. STEVEN NEGO.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S GIVE THEM A ROUND OF  
5 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] WE HAVE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMISSION ON  
6 DISABILITIES WITH US OUT HERE TODAY. AND I'M GOING TO ASK MY  
7 COLLEAGUES TO JOIN ME QUICKLY. WE'LL DO A PHOTO OUT THERE WITH  
8 EVERYONE. HOW ABOUT THAT? OKAY? SO WE'RE GOING TO GO OUT HERE  
9 AND WITH THE COMMISSIONERS AND WE'LL BE RIGHT OUT THERE. ZEV,  
10 MIKE AND GLORIA AND MARK?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AS WE ALL KNOW, THIS GREAT COUNTY MADE  
13 UP OF A LOT OF GREAT YOUNG PEOPLE. IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO CALL  
14 UP A ZAC SUNDERLAND AND HIS DAD LAWRENCE. TODAY WE ARE  
15 HONORING ZAC. LISTEN TO THIS NOW. HE DEPARTED OUR OWN MARINA  
16 DEL REY AT THE AGE OF 16 ON JUNE 14TH, 2008 AND RETURNED THERE  
17 AT THE AGE OF 17 ON JULY 16TH, 2009, TO BECOME THE YOUNGEST  
18 PERSON AT THE TIME TO SAIL AROUND THE WORLD ALONE. [APPLAUSE.]  
19 NOW, THERE WAS A YOUNGER GENTLEMAN AFTER ZAC FROM BRITAIN THAT  
20 SAILED AROUND LAST MONTH, BUT HE WILL BE THE FIRST PERSON  
21 FOREVER, FOREVER UNDER THE AGE OF 18 TO NAVIGATE THE WORLD BY  
22 HIMSELF. THE OBSTACLES AND DANGERS OF CIRCUMNAVIGATING THE  
23 GLOBE SOLO CANNOT BE OVERSTATED. AS ZAC'S WEBSITE STATES, MORE  
24 PEOPLE HAVE GONE INTO SPACE THAN HAVE SAILED AROUND THE WORLD  
25 AND LESS THAN A HANDFUL HAVE DONE IT UNDER THE AGE OF 20. OVER



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1 13 MONTHS, ZAC CROSSED THREE OCEANS, FIVE SEAS, CROSSING THE  
2 EQUATOR TWICE, COVERED MORE THAN 25,000 MILES. HE ENDURED  
3 HUNGER, LONELINESS, A PIRATE SCARE, BOAT BREAKDOWNS AND WAS  
4 ALMOST WASHED OVERBOARD SEVERAL TIMES IN THE MOST HOSTILE  
5 ENVIRONMENT ON EARTH. AND HE DID THIS ALL IN A 1970S AERO 36-  
6 FOOT USED SAILBOAT NAMED "INTREPID" THAT HE BOUGHT WITH HIS  
7 OWN MONEY HE SAVED WORKING SUMMER JOBS. THOUGH HE WAS ALONE AT  
8 SEA, HE WAS NOT ALONE IN SPIRIT. ZAC'S PARENTS, LAWRENCE AND  
9 MARIANNE AND ZAC'S SIX BROTHERS AND SISTERS PROVIDED THE  
10 FAMILY SUPPORT NEEDED TO HELP MAKE ZAC'S DREAM REALITY. AND HE  
11 WAS HELPED ALONG THE WAY THROUGH SPONSORSHIPS, EMAILS AND JUST  
12 FOLLOWING ALONG ON ZAC'S WEBSITE. HE HAS EARNED A WELL  
13 DESERVED REST UNTIL HIS NEXT ADVENTURE, WHICH WE ALL LOOK  
14 FORWARD TO. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE  
15 BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL WHICH SEEMS LIKE A  
16 PITTANCE IN RECOGNITION OF WHAT HE ACCOMPLISHED. TO ZAC, IN  
17 RECOGNITION OF THIS INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT, AS THE YOUNGEST  
18 AMERICAN TO SAIL AROUND THE WORLD AND THE FIRST PERSON  
19 ANYWHERE TO DO SO UNDER THE AGE OF 18. [APPLAUSE.] ZAC, DO YOU  
20 WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

21

22 **ZAC SUNDERLAND:** YEAH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT'S QUITE AN  
23 HONOR. I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE HERE FOR ALL YOUR  
24 SUPPORT AND FOLLOWING ME AROUND. IT WAS A CRAZY 13 MONTHS.  
25 I'VE BEEN BACK FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS NOW AND IT'S KIND OF CRAZY



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1 BEING BACK ON DRY LAND. BUT THROUGH MY TRIP, I JUST HOPE I CAN  
2 INSPIRE PEOPLE TO GET OUT THERE AND SAIL AND MORE SO TO GET  
3 YOUNG PEOPLE OUT THERE TO FOLLOW THEIR DREAMS AND NOT BE  
4 WEIGHED DOWN BY THE EXPECTATIONS THAT EVERYONE HAS FOR YOUNG  
5 PEOPLE THESE DAYS. IT'S AMAZING HOW FAR YOU CAN PUSH YOURSELF  
6 IF YOU HAVE THE RIGHT MOTIVATION DRIVING YOU AND THE RIGHT  
7 GOALS. MY KIND OF MISSION STATEMENT TO MY LIFE, TO EVERYONE  
8 THROUGH THIS TRIP, IS TO GET OUT THERE AND FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS  
9 NO MATTER WHAT AGE YOU ARE AND NO MATTER WHAT SITUATION YOU  
10 ARE IN, JUST TO GET OUT THERE AND FIGHT WITH EVERYTHING YOU'VE  
11 GOT. YOU'LL BE AMAZED HOW FAR IT CAN TAKE YOU. BUT THANKS ONCE  
12 AGAIN. THIS IS AN AMAZING HONOR. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOW, I'M NOT SAYING HAVING SIX BROTHERS  
15 AND SISTERS, IT'S A LITTLE COMPETITIVE FAMILY, BUT HE TOLD ME  
16 UPSTAIRS THAT HIS SISTER, ABIGAIL, WHO IS AGE 16, RIGHT? IS  
17 GOING TO ATTEMPT THE SAME SITUATION AND WHEN?

18

19 **ZAC SUNDERLAND:** YES, SHE IS. SHE SHOULD BE LEAVING IN ABOUT  
20 TWO MONTHS, ACTUALLY. A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT TO ME. SHE'S  
21 ACTUALLY GOING ROUND NONSTOP. IT'S PRETTY CRAZY TRIP. I WISH  
22 HER ALL THE LUCK IN THE WORLD. YEAH, CRAZY ADVENTURES.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHRISTMAS MUST BE UNIQUE AT YOUR  
2   HOUSEHOLD, I TELL YOU. [LAUGHTER.] ANYWAY, CONGRATULATIONS.  
3   THANKS. [APPLAUSE.]

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5   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT WAS AN EXCEPTIONAL  
6   PRESENTATION. I THINK WE OUGHT TO GIVE ZAC ANOTHER BIG ROUND  
7   OF APPLAUSE, DON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
8   COLLEAGUES, I THINK YOU'LL JOIN ME IN RECOGNIZING AND  
9   APPRECIATING THE FACT THAT WE HAVE YET ANOTHER DISTINGUISHED  
10   GUEST WITH US. AND NOT ONLY IS HE A STAR IN HIS OWN RIGHT, HE  
11   IS NONE OTHER THAN DR. KEVIN STARR. I THINK WE SHOULD GIVE HIM  
12   A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] PROFESSOR STARR  
13   DISTINGUISHES HIMSELF AS A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR THAT IS ONE OF  
14   A VERY SELECT GROUP OF ACADEMICS WHO HAVE THE HONOR AT THE  
15   UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO BE NAMED DISTINGUISHED  
16   UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR. AND WE ALSO KNOW HIM IN THE CONTEXT OF  
17   BEING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARIAN EMERITUS. KEVIN STARR HAS  
18   BEEN A PROFESSOR AT U.S.C. SINCE 1989 AND BECAME THE  
19   UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR IN 1998. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, HE HAS  
20   SERVED IN ACADEMIC POSTS AT A RANGE OF SCHOOLS, INCLUDING  
21   HARVARD UNIVERSITY, THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM  
22   ITSELF, SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY, SAN FRANCISCO STATE  
23   UNIVERSITY, CLAIREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE, THE HOOVER INSTITUTION  
24   AND INDEED THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO. HE IS A CALIFORNIA  
25   NATIVE WHO IS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS MULTI-VOLUME WORK ON



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1 CALIFORNIA KNOWN AS "AMERICA AND THE CALIFORNIA DREAM" WHICH  
2 HE RECENTLY COMPLETED WITH THE FINAL VOLUME, "CALIFORNIA  
3 DREAMS, CALIFORNIA IN AN AGE OF ABUNDANCE." HE COVERED THE  
4 PERIOD OF 1950 THROUGH 1963. AND SO MAY I JUST SIMPLY SAY THAT  
5 WHEN WE SEE KEVIN STARR, WE SEE SOMEONE WHO "GETS IT". NOT  
6 ONLY DO WE SEE SOMEONE WHO "GETS IT" WE SEE SOMEONE WHO KNOWS  
7 IT. AND BEYOND THAT, WE SEE SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO TELL IT.  
8 BETTER STATED, HE KNOWS HOW TO WRITE IT. HE IS AN  
9 EXTRAORDINARILY GIFTED WRITER. MANY OF YOU HAVE HAD THE  
10 OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM HIS WORKS. HE HAS BEEN MADE  
11 ESSENTIALLY A NATIONAL TREASURER AS IT RELATES TO PRESIDENTIAL  
12 HONORS. THE NATIONAL HUMANITIES MEDAL FOR HIS WORK AS BOTH A  
13 SCHOLAR AND HISTORIAN. HE WAS A VOCAL SUPPORTER OF THOSE  
14 THINGS THAT ADVANCED LITERACY, THAT ADVANCE A HIGHER LEVEL OF  
15 EDUCATION. AND SO WE JUST SIMPLY WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY  
16 TO ACKNOWLEDGE KEVIN STARR FOR THE WORK THAT HE HAS DONE TO  
17 HELP US UNDERSTAND CALIFORNIA MUCH BETTER. AND NOT ONLY THAT,  
18 BUT THAT WHICH HE INTENDS TO DO TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE LIFE, NOT  
19 SIMPLY THE HISTORY BUT THE FUTURE OF THIS GREAT STATE. AND SO  
20 ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
21 SUPERVISORS, WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SALUTE YOU AND TO  
22 CELEBRATE YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF  
23 CALIFORNIA AND BEYOND. [APPLAUSE.]

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1   **DR. KEVIN STARR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. AND THIS IS  
2   A GREAT HONOR. AND BEING HERE REMINDS ME OF MY TEN YEARS AS  
3   STATE LIBRARIAN AND THE REMARKABLE COMMITMENT THAT THE BOARD  
4   OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS FOR LIBRARY SERVICES.  
5   I DON'T THINK IT'S AN ACCIDENT THAT THIS GREAT COUNTY SUPPORTS  
6   THE LARGEST, MOST EFFICIENT, MOST SERVICE-ORIENTED LIBRARY  
7   SYSTEM IN THE NATION AND THANK YOU FOR THAT VERY MUCH AND  
8   THANK YOU FOR THIS AWARD. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MARK, DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER  
11   PRESENTATIONS? OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU. IT'S MY HONOR TO  
14   HAVE INVITED THIS MORNING LEON COOPER, WHO IS ENGAGED IN A  
15   SACRED MISSION AFTER MANY MISSIONS THAT HAVE BEEN HIS SACRED  
16   DUTY OVER HIS LIFETIME. AND I'LL JUST READ THE RESOLUTION TO  
17   EXPLAIN WHAT LEON IS DOING. LEON COOPER SERVED WITH  
18   DISTINCTION AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING THE  
19   SECOND WORLD WAR AND SAW ACTION IN NOVEMBER 1943 IN ONE OF ITS  
20   BLOODIEST BATTLES ON THE PACIFIC ATOLL TARAWA. HE WAS PART OF  
21   AN AMERICAN INVASION FORCE COMPRISING AIRCRAFT CARRIERS,  
22   BATTLESHIPS, HEAVY AND LIGHT CRUISERS, DESTROYERS AND  
23   TRANSPORTS, THE LARGEST CONTINGENT EVER ASSEMBLED UP TO THAT  
24   TIME FOR A SINGLE OPERATION IN THE WAR, WHICH STORMED THE  
25   JAPANESE-HELD ITEM FORTRESS BATIYO ON THE ATOLL AND INITIATED





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1 THREE DAYS OF SUCH FEROCIOUS SUCH COMBAT THAT 1,106 UNITED  
2 STATES MARINES WERE KILLED IN ACTION AND MORE THAN 2,200 WERE  
3 WOUNDED IN AN OPERATION THAT DECIMATED OVER 4,500 JAPANESE  
4 SOLDIERS AND DEFENDERS OF THE ISLAND. HE BORE PERSONAL WITNESS  
5 TO THE CARNAGE. HIS AMERICAN MARINE CASUALTIES WERE INITIALLY  
6 BURIED IN 43 TEMPORARY GRAVEYARDS BUT OWING TO THE PASSAGE OF  
7 TIME AND THE CONFUSION OF THE REMAINS, AFTER THE WAR, UNITED  
8 STATES GOVERNMENT WAS ONLY ABLE TO RECOVER 402 BODIES, LEAVING  
9 THE BODIES OF NEARLY 500 MARINES KILLED IN GROUND FIGHTING  
10 UNACCOUNTED FOR. LEON HAS MADE IT HIS LIFE'S WORK NOW TO URGE  
11 AND ASSIST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO LOCATE AND  
12 REPATRIATE THE REMAINS OF THESE BRAVE AMERICANS WHO GAVE THEIR  
13 LAST FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION IN DEFENSE OF THEIR COUNTRY AND  
14 TO RESTORE AND PRESERVE THE LANDS AND BEACHES OF TARAWA WHERE  
15 THEY FELL AS AN ENDURING MONUMENT TO THEIR PERSONAL SACRIFICE.  
16 SO TODAY, LEON, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WANTED TO TAKE THIS  
17 OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND YOU AND HIGHLY COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR  
18 INCREDIBLY HEROIC NAVAL MILITARY SERVICE ON BEHALF OF OUR  
19 NATION IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR. AND JUST AS IMPORTANTLY FOR  
20 YOUR TIRELESS EFFORTS TO HONOR THE SACRIFICE OF YOUR BROTHERS  
21 IN ARMS IN TARAWA WHO WERE NOT ABLE TO COME BACK. AND WE  
22 EXTEND TO YOU OUR SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED  
23 SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT OF YOUR GOALS TO BRING THE REMAINING  
24 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN WHO ARE ON THE ISLAND BACK HOME TO THEIR  
25 FINAL RESTING PLACE. AND SO WITH THAT, LET ME PRESENT YOU WITH



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1 THIS FIVE-SIGNATURE PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION FROM US. AND  
2 WE HOPE THIS WILL GIVE YOU ENCOURAGEMENT TO KEEP ON GOING. YOU  
3 DON'T LOOK OLD ENOUGH TO HAVE SERVED IN WORLD WAR II, LEON.  
4 BUT WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF YOUR  
5 GOALS. [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **LEON COOPER:** YES, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD ON BEHALF OF NOT  
8 ME, OBVIOUSLY, BUT THE GUYS WHOSE LIVES WERE TAKEN AWAY FROM  
9 THEM DURING THE BATTLE OF WHAT BECAME KNOWN AS BLOODY TARAWA.  
10 A BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, WILLIAM GLADSTONE SAID, 19TH  
11 GLADSTONE SAID "ONE MEASURES THE CONSCIENCE OF A NATION BY THE  
12 RECOGNITION IT GIVES TO THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES." SO YOUR  
13 RESOLUTION, BOARD MEMBERS, WILL, I HOPE, AWAKEN THE CONSCIENCE  
14 OF AMERICA. MY JOB WAS THE LANDING CRAFT OFFICER BRINGING THE  
15 SECOND DIVISION MARINES ONTO WHAT WAS THEN APPROPRIATELY  
16 CALLED RED BEACH, BECAUSE DURING THE THREE DAYS OF SAVAGERY,  
17 BLOOD WAS EVERYWHERE ON THAT ISLAND, ON THAT BEACH. I MADE A  
18 NUMBER OF TRIPS INTO THE BEACH, EACH TIME SAW MORE SLAUGHTER  
19 THAN I'D EVER SEEN IN MY LIFE. I WAS IN FIVE MORE BATTLES  
20 AFTER TARAWA, BUT I STILL HAVE NIGHTMARES ABOUT THOSE DAYS.  
21 NOW, THE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION HERE IS NOT TO HONOR ME,  
22 ALTHOUGH I ACCEPT GRATEFULLY THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD, BUT  
23 MORE IMPORTANT WHAT YOUR RESOLUTION MAY, I HOPE, DO TO NOT  
24 ONLY AWAKEN THE CONSCIENCE OF AMERICA BUT TO URGE OUR  
25 GOVERNMENT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS. BY WAY OF INTRODUCING



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1 THIS MATTER, WHILE DOING RESEARCH FOR ONE OF MY BOOKS, I CAME  
2 ACROSS AN ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH THAT READ IN PART WHERE  
3 HUNDREDS OF MARINES DIED, THERE ARE NOW MILLIONS OF PLASTIC  
4 BAGS, CRUMBLERD PAPER BOXES AND CANS. I LOOKED CLOSELY AT THE  
5 PHOTOGRAPH THAT ACCOMPANIED THE DISPATCH AND THERE WAS A KID  
6 ON TOP OF THE HUGE GARBAGE PILE SCAVENGING IT. I LOOKED  
7 CLOSELY AND I RECOGNIZED AFTER ALL THESE YEARS. IT WAS RED  
8 BEACH, WHERE I HAD BEEN MANY YEARS BEFORE, WHEREUPON MORE  
9 OUTRAGED THAN SAD, I WROTE TO THE USUAL SUSPECTS IN  
10 WASHINGTON, AT LEAST 100 EMAILS, LETTERS, FAXES, AND GOT  
11 ABSOLUTELY NO RESPONSE, NO MATTER WHO I CONTACTED, FROM THE  
12 PRESIDENT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.  
13 FINALLY I RESOLVED THAT THE ONLY WAY TO HAVE SOMETHING DONE  
14 ABOUT THIS OUTRAGE WAS TO TAKE A CAMERA CREW WITH ME AND FILM  
15 WHAT BECAME A DOCUMENTARY NARRATED BY MY FRIEND ED HARRIS,  
16 CALLED "RETURN TO TARAWA." THE DOCUMENTARY HAS SERVED, I HOPE,  
17 TO DO SOMETHING IN ADDITION TO JUST SIMPLY GLORIFYING WHAT IN  
18 MY OPINION WAS A NEEDLESS BATTLE. BUT TO DO SOMETHING FAR  
19 MORE, THAT IS TO AWAKEN THE CONSCIENCE OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND  
20 TO DO MORE THAN JUST SIMPLY GIVE LIP SERVICE TO OUR SO-CALLED  
21 BOYS WHO GO OFF TO FIGHT WARS AND THEN ARE FORGOTTEN PROMPTLY  
22 AFTERWARDS. I NOTICE THAT YOU HAVE HERE THE VIETNAM FLAG AND  
23 SLOGAN "YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN." WELL, OUR NATION DID A GREAT  
24 DEAL TO-- HAD A GREAT DEAL TO DO WITH RECOVERING THOSE WHO  
25 DIED DURING THE BATTLE OF VIETNAM. BUT OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR



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1 NATION HAS DONE VIRTUALLY NOTHING TO DO WITH HONORING THE  
2 MEMORY OF THE GUYS WHO DIED DURING WORLD WAR II. THERE ARE  
3 OVER 80,000 M.I.A.S, I USE THAT TERRIBLE STUPID WORD,  
4 IDENTIFYING THOSE WHO DIED IN BATTLES IN EUROPE AS WELL AS IN  
5 THE PACIFIC. MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS ARE IN THE PACIFIC THEATER.  
6 THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF GUYS WHO LIE WHERE THEY FELL IN PLACES  
7 THAT I HAVE BEEN AFTER TARAWA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, IN THE  
8 PHILIPPINES. THE MARIANAS, THE MARSHALLS AND A NUMBER OF OTHER  
9 PLACES. SO I REMIND OUR COUNTRY THAT THE 80,000 WHO FELL,  
10 STILL LIE WHERE THEY FELL, HAVE INDEED BEEN FORGOTTEN. I WANT  
11 TO TELL YOU A PERSONAL STORY, IF I MAY. DURING MY VISIT WITH  
12 THE CAMERA CREW A YEAR AGO THIS PAST FEBRUARY, I BECAME AWARE,  
13 ALTHOUGH I WAS THERE SEARCHING FOR GARBAGE TO REMOVE FROM RED  
14 BEACH, I BECAME AWARE ALMOST ACCIDENTALLY THAT THERE WERE  
15 THINGS FAR MORE OUTRAGEOUS AND DISTURBING TO ME THAN THE  
16 GARBAGE ON RED BEACH, AND THAT THERE WAS A NUMBER OF GUYS WHO  
17 WERE STILL THERE, INCLUDING A CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR  
18 WINNER, IF YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT, BUT IT'S TRUE. ONE OF THE  
19 OFFICIALS OF THE COUNTRY, KIRIBATI AS IT'S NOW CALLED, LEARNED  
20 THAT MY INTEREST WAS MORE THAN GARBAGE, SO HE INTRODUCED ME TO  
21 AN AUSTRALIAN TRANSPLANT BY THE NAME OF BIG LOUIE. HE WAS THE  
22 BIGGEST MAN IN TARAWA, 7 FEET 6 INCHES TALL. AND LOUIE AND I  
23 HAD LUNCH ONE DAY. AND HE BROUGHT OUT A PICTURE THAT ONE OF  
24 HIS EMPLOYEES HAD TAKEN OF IT WAS A FIBERGLASS LINER DURING  
25 WORLD WAR II. WE DIDN'T HAVE PLASTIC. WE HAD FIBERGLASS. AND



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1 IMPRINTED CLEARLY ON THE LINER WAS THE NAME SOLMS PVT. SOLMS  
2 PVT. U.S.M.C., PRIVATE SOLMS. I SAID TO LOUIE, "WHAT DID YOU  
3 DO?" HE SAID, "WELL, ONE OF MY GUYS HAD UNEARTHED THE REMAINS  
4 OF THIS MARINE. HE WAS DIGGING A SEPTIC TANK." THAT'S VERY  
5 SIGNIFICANT TO ME. AND HE UNCOVERED THE REMAINS OF SOLMS,  
6 ALONG WITH A WRIST WATCH, A G.I. WRIST WATCH, THE FIBERGLASS  
7 LINER AND REMNANTS OF HIS UNIFORM. I SAID, "WHAT DID YOU  
8 FINALLY DO WITH SOLMS? I ASKED LOUIE. HE SAID, "I WROTE LOTS  
9 OF LETTERS TO WASHINGTON." HE SAID, "DO YOU KNOW, LEON, I  
10 THINK YOUR COUNTRY IS A DAMN LIAR." I SAID, "WHAT ARE YOU  
11 TALKING ABOUT?" HE SAID, "BECAUSE I KEPT WRITING LETTERS AND  
12 FINALLY I GOT A LETTER SAYING THERE'S NO WAY THAT SOLMS COULD  
13 HAVE BEEN STILL IN BASHIO. HIS REMAINS AS WELL AS ALL OF THE  
14 OTHERS HAVE BEEN LONG SINCE RECOVERED." THAT'S WHY LOUIE  
15 THOUGHT THAT OUR COUNTRY WAS COVERING UP. FINALLY, LOUIE  
16 DECIDED HE WAS GOING TO BURY SOLMS'S REMAINS, AND HE DID. AND  
17 THERE'S A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL RIGHT OFF RED BEACH TO THE COAST  
18 WATCHERS MEMORIAL. I WON'T BORE YOU WITH THE DETAILS OF WHO  
19 THE COAST WATCHERS WERE. AT LEAST THAT'S WHERE SOLMS'S REMAINS  
20 WERE BURIED. SO I SAID TO LOUIE, "SHOW ME ON THE PAPER NAPKIN  
21 WHERE SOLMS WAS LYING." SO EITHER THAT DAY OR THE FOLLOWING  
22 DAY, I CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH, I WENT OUT AND I STOOD NEAR WHERE  
23 I THINK SOLMS'S REMAINS WERE AND I SAID A SILENT PRAYER FOR  
24 HIM. I COULD FEEL MY THROAT TIGHTENING UP AS I SAID IT,  
25 THINKING OF SOLMS AND HIS RELATIVES. SO HERE IS SOLMS LYING IN



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1 AN UNMARKED GRAVE, FORGOTTEN AND OF NO VALUE BY OUR COUNTRY.  
2 SO THAT ONE EPISODE, TO ME, AMONG MANY OTHERS, WILL STICK IN  
3 MY MIND AS A SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH WHAT I'M  
4 ATTEMPTING TO DO, AS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS SAID. SO I  
5 HOPE THAT-- I'M CONFIDENT, I SHOULD SAY, THAT THE RESOLUTION  
6 THAT THE BOARD WILL SEND TO WASHINGTON WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF  
7 INDEED FURTHERING WHAT I AND SO MANY OTHERS ARE AFTER. AGAIN,  
8 MANY THANKS TO THE BOARD AND I APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS AND  
9 YOUR INTEREST AND YOUR HELP TO ME. MANY THANKS AGAIN.

10 [APPLAUSE.]

11  
12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ZEV, DO YOU HAVE ANYMORE? SUPERVISOR  
13 ANTONOVICH?

14  
15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE ONE  
16 OF OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S UNSUNG HEROES WHO DID SOME HEROIC  
17 SAVINGS OF A YOUNG GIRL'S LIFE. AND WITH ME IS THE CAPTAIN, I  
18 SHOULD SAY THE CHIEF WARREN STANLEY, THE CHIEF OF THE HIGHWAY  
19 PATROL, WARREN STANLEY, THE ASSISTANT CHIEF, CALVIN AUBREY,  
20 CAPTAIN GREGORY PECK AND DORIS PINICI, AND AS WE RECOGNIZE  
21 JOHN LYNN MCDONALD. BACK ON JULY 23RD, JOHN HAD BEEN DRIVING  
22 ALONG THE 10 FREEWAY WHEN HE NOTICED THERE WAS AN OVERTURNED  
23 S.U.V. THAT WAS ON FIRE. AND WITHOUT HESITATION, HE STOPPED,  
24 APPROACHED THE VEHICLE WHO HEARD A PERSON SCREAMING THAT THEIR  
25 GRANDDAUGHTER WAS STILL INSIDE. SO JOHN SPRUNG INTO ACTION AND





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1 RESCUED THE THREE YEAR OLD GIRL WHO HAD BEEN TRAPPED INSIDE  
2 THE VEHICLE. SO THIS HEROIC, SELFLESS ACTION PREVENTED A  
3 TRAGEDY. AND AS WE AS A COMMUNITY, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE JOHN  
4 FOR THESE ACTIONS BECAUSE HE WAS TRULY, TRULY A GUARDIAN  
5 ANGEL. SO SUPERVISOR MOLINA WANTS TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS AND  
6 THEN WE WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION AND ALSO HAVE A FEW  
7 WORDS FROM OUR HIGHWAY PATROL. SO GLORIA?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IT'S INDEED MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO  
10 JOIN WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IN PRESENTING THIS SCROLL TO  
11 OUR LOCAL HERO, MR. JOHN LYNN MCDONALD OF DUARTE. YOU KNOW IN  
12 THIS TRAGIC AND HORRIFIC CAR ACCIDENT, AS WAS DESCRIBED BY  
13 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, MR. MCDONALD COULD HAVE JUST GONE BY.  
14 HE COULD HAVE, LIKE MOST PEOPLE, MAYBE MADE A 411 CALL OR  
15 SOMETHING. BUT INSTEAD HE STOPPED AND WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY  
16 NEEDED ANY HELP. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE MINUTE THAT HE SAW  
17 WHAT WAS GOING ON, HE HEROICALLY STEPPED FORWARD. HE WAS ABLE  
18 TO SAVE A THREE YEAR OLD FROM A BURNING S.U.V. IT WAS A VERY  
19 COURAGEOUS ACTION. AND WE APPLAUD HIM FOR IT. BUT MORE  
20 IMPORTANTLY, WE WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO HIM. I THINK THAT EVERY  
21 SINGLE DAY WE HEAR ALL KINDS OF NEWS STORIES EVERY SINGLE DAY  
22 ABOUT DEATH AND DESTRUCTION. AND IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO HEAR OF  
23 SOMEONE WHO HAS POTENTIALLY COULD HAVE PUT HIS OWN LIFE IN  
24 DANGER BUT INSTEAD STEPPED FORWARD. SO I'M VERY HONORED TO  
25 JOIN IN APPLAUDING YOU TODAY. AND IT'S SO NICE TO SEE WE HAVE



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1 GOOD SAMARITANS THAT ARE AROUND EVERY SINGLE DAY.

2 CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN. VERY DESERVING. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **CHIEF WARREN STANLEY:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK THE  
5 SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND ANTONOVICH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME  
6 HERE AND PRESENT A PLAQUE TO JOHN, ALONG WITH THE PROCLAMATION  
7 THEY HAVE. I WON'T GO INTO ALL THE DETAILS BECAUSE THE  
8 SUPERVISOR ALREADY EXPLAINED THEM. I HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO  
9 JOHN IN THE HALLWAY BEFORE THE CEREMONY TODAY, AND AS YOU'RE  
10 GOING TO FIND OUT IN A MINUTE, HE'S A VERY HUMBLE MAN, BUT  
11 WHAT HE DID WAS VERY EXTRAORDINARY. HE DESCRIBED IT SIMPLY AS  
12 WHEN HE PULLED THE LITTLE GIRL OUT OF THE CAR, IT BURST INTO  
13 FLAMES. HE GOT HER TO SAFETY, PUT HER IN HIS CAR. AND SHE  
14 SAID, "THAT WAS REALLY SCARY." NO DOUBT IT WAS. BUT IT JUST  
15 GOES TO SHOW YOU, YOU'VE SEEN SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE  
16 COME BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY, SOME OF THE GREAT PEOPLE WE HAVE  
17 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO FROM EVERYONE, THE COMMISSIONER  
18 OF THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE  
19 CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, I'D JUST LIKE TO PRESENT THIS  
20 PLAQUE TO JOHN IN HONOR OF HIS GREAT SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF  
21 L.A. COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **JOHN LYNN MCDONALD:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE L.A.  
24 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE  
25 C.H.P. FOR ACKNOWLEDGING ME TODAY. AS I'VE RECOUNTED MANY



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1 TIMES, I JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT  
2 TIME. AND LUCKILY IT WORKED OUT WELL FOR EVERYONE. IF  
3 ANYTHING, I HOPE MY ACTIONS CAN INSPIRE PEOPLE TO NOT BE  
4 AFRAID TO SORT OF JUMP INTO THINGS WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE PEOPLE  
5 NEED HELP. MAYBE NOT SOMETHING AS RECKLESS AS WHAT I DID, BUT  
6 WE CAN HELP PEOPLE. LASTLY, I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND  
7 THANK THE MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM THAT SERVE ALL OF  
8 CALIFORNIA CITY MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES, EVERYTHING. BECAUSE  
9 WHAT I DID, THESE MEN AND WOMEN FACE EVERY DAY. SO THANK YOU  
10 AGAIN FOR HAVING ME. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP SHARON  
13 RAGHAVACHARY AND SATY RAGHAVACHARY TO HELP DECLARE THE MONTH  
14 OF SEPTEMBER AS HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH THROUGHOUT OUR  
15 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SHARON'S FIVE-YEAR OLD SON JOSH WAS  
16 DIAGNOSED WITH THIS AT SEVEN MONTHS OF AGE. AND SHE AND HER  
17 FAMILY HAVE SHOWN GREAT COURAGE TO NOW MAKE THIS A CRUSADE, AN  
18 AWARENESS ABOUT THIS CONDITION. AND THROUGH HER LEADERSHIP, WE  
19 HAVE NOW BEEN ABLE TO GET ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IN FINDING  
20 RESEARCH AND SUPPORTING RESEARCH. HYDROCEPHALUS IS A SERIOUS  
21 NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION. THERE'S NO KNOWN CURE FOR THIS, WHICH  
22 AFFECTS ABOUT 1 MILLION AMERICANS. 1 OR 2 IN EVERY 1,000  
23 BABIES ARE BORN WITH THIS. AND OVER 375,000 OLDER AMERICANS  
24 HAVE IT, WHICH OFTEN GOES UNDETECTED OR IS DIAGNOSED AS  
25 ALZHEIMER'S, DEMENTIA OR PARKINSON'S DISEASE. THE STANDARD



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1 TREATMENT HAD BEEN DEVELOPED BACK IN 1952 AND CARRIES MULTIPLE  
2 RISKS, INCLUDING SHUNT FAILURE, INFECTION AND OVERDRAINAGE.  
3 THERE ARE FEWER THAN 10 CENTERS IN THE UNITED STATES  
4 SPECIALIZING IN THE TREATMENT FOR ADULTS, AND EACH YEAR THE  
5 PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES SPEND IN EXCESS OF \$1 BILLION TO  
6 TREAT HYDROCEPHALUS. WITH APPROPRIATE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT,  
7 PEOPLE WITH THIS ARE ABLE TO LIVE FULL AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES.  
8 SO OUR BOARD IS TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS  
9 HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH. AND, SHARON, THANK YOU AGAIN  
10 FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR BRINGING ATTENTION TO THIS AND  
11 HELPING TO GET ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND RESOURCES FOR A CURE  
12 ONE DAY. LET ME GIVE YOU THIS AND THEN WE'LL--

13

14 **JOSH RAGHAVACHARY:** HI, MY NAME IS JOSH. I HAVE HYDROCEPHALUS.

15

16 **BECKY RAGHAVACHARY:** HI, MY NAME IS BECKY. I AM JOSH'S SISTER.

17 [LAUGHTER] [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SHARON RAGHAVACHARY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR GIVING JOSH  
20 THIS PROCLAMATION YET AGAIN. WE TRY TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR  
21 THIS DISEASE. UNFORTUNATELY MOST PEOPLE SAY "HYDRO WHAT?" WHEN  
22 YOU SAY HYDROCEPHALUS. THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT. IT'S  
23 A LIFELONG, LIFE-THREATENING DISEASE.

24

25 **JOSH RAGHAVACHARY:** ME, ME.



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2 **SHARON RAGHAVACHARY:** ANYWAY, THESE KIDS HAVE TO GO THROUGH  
3 MULTIPLE SURGERIES. THEY OFTENTIMES HAVE ANNUAL M.R.I.S. THEY  
4 HAVE MULTIPLE OTHER ISSUES, NEUROLOGICAL ISSUES. LEARNING  
5 DISABILITIES OFTENTIMES. AND SOMETIMES THEY HAVE BEHAVIOR  
6 ISSUES. SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BRINGING AWARENESS.

7

8 **JOSH RAGHAVACHARY:** ME, ME. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 13 YEARS AGO I INITIATED A PROGRAM TO  
11 RECOGNIZE THE EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS OF OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
12 THAT ARE SUPERVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
13 SERVICES. AND TODAY WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE INDIVIDUALS  
14 WHO ARE WITH US TODAY FOR SOME OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS. WITH  
15 ME ALONG WITH THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IS  
16 MERIT HARTMAN, WHO IS A BOARD MEMBER OF YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES  
17 UNITED, WHO IS ALSO GOING TO BE PRESENTING EACH OF THESE YOUNG  
18 STUDENTS A \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM BARNES & NOBLE FOR THEIR  
19 SCHOOL SUPPLIES. AND SO AT THIS TIME, FOR BEST ACADEMIC  
20 ACHIEVEMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE IRENE RODRIGUEZ. IRENE?  
21 IRENE IS NOT HERE AT THIS TIME? OKAY. LET ME HOLD THAT. NEXT  
22 IS LAURA LAMELI? MANUELA BONUELES. MARLENE LUHAN? SEPHORA  
23 ABUEY. PATRICK PERKINS. FRANCISCO ADAN. MCKEISHA WILLIAMS. AND  
24 IRENE RODRIGUEZ? DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

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1   **SPEAKER:** I'M A MEMBER OF THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES UNITED WHICH  
2   WAS FORMED IN 1988 TO SUPPORT THE FOSTER CHILDREN OF L.A.  
3   COUNTY. IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THESE GIFT  
4   CERTIFICATES TO THESE KIDS. THANK YOU FOR HAVING US.

5

6   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TRISH? [APPLAUSE.]

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8   **TRISH PLOEHN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
9   ANTONOVICH, AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR HONORING THESE YOUNG  
10  PEOPLE TODAY. YOU KNOW, THERE ARE MANY WONDERFUL YOUNG PEOPLE  
11  IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BUT THE ONES THAT ARE STANDING BEHIND  
12  ME HERE ARE TRULY THE BEST OF THE BEST. THEY ARE SMART. THEY  
13  ARE GOAL-ORIENTED. AND THEY ARE HARD WORKING. AND THAT IS A  
14  RECIPE FOR SUCCESS. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT THESE ARE GOING TO BE  
15  OUR LEADERS OF THE FUTURE. AND I WISH THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES  
16  CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU TO  
17  YOU, BOARD, FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.  
18  [APPLAUSE.]

19

20  **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE BOY, HE'S EIGHT WEEKS  
21  OLD. HIS NAME IS RALPH. IT'S A LITTLE DOMESTIC SHORT HAIRE  
22  LITTLE KITTY CAT. THIS IS LITTLE RALPH LOOKING FOR A HOME.  
23  ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT RALPH? CALL 562-728-4644, OR  
24  ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WOULD LIKE LITTLE RALPH?

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL GO BACK TO THE AGENDA. SACHI HAS  
2    SOMETHING TO CLARIFY.

3

4    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 53-B, ALTHOUGH IT WAS CONTINUED TWO  
5    WEEKS, THE C.E.O. JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THE PORTION THAT  
6    RELATES TO THE SUNSET OF THE CHILD SUPPORT ADVISORY BOARD, THE  
7    SUNSET DATE ON THAT IS SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2009. AND THAT SHOULD  
8    BE REFLECTED IN THE RECORD.

9

10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS.

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12   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU'RE  
15   FIRST UP.

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17   **SUP. MOLINA:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAD AN ITEM HE WANTED TO  
18   CALL UP.

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20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 30.

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22   **SUP. MOLINA:** ITEM 30.

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24   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
25   BOARD, THE ITEM THAT I JUST READ INTO THE RECORD WAS NOT CHILD



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1 SUPPORT ADVISORY BOARD. IT WAS THE CHILDREN'S COUNCIL TO  
2 SEPTEMBER 30TH. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS IN REGARDS  
5 TO ITEM 30. I'M GOING TO ASK THAT YOU LIMIT YOUR TESTIMONY TO  
6 ONE MINUTE. JANICE CHOW. JENNIFER PAUL. STEVEN GALLEGOS. ALTON  
7 DUHAN, ARE THE FIRST FOUR. WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED, IF YOU WILL  
8 RETURN TO YOUR SEATS AND I WILL KEEP CALLING PEOPLE UP. OKAY.  
9 THOSE ARE THE FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS.

10

11 **JANICE CHOW:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JANICE CHOW WITH THE  
12 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AND I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE MANY  
13 SMOKE FREE PARKS POLICY FOR A CURB TO CURB BAN TO FURTHER  
14 PROTECT PARK PATRONS FROM SECONDHAND SMOKE EXPOSURE. AS WE  
15 WILL ALL KNOW, THERE'S COMPELLING SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE THAT  
16 SUPPORTS THE SERIOUS HEALTH HAZARDS OF SECONDHAND SMOKE. IN  
17 2006, THE U.S. SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT CONCLUDED THAT THERE  
18 IS NO SAFE LEVEL OF SECONDHAND SMOKE. THE CALIFORNIA AIR  
19 RESOURCES BOARD IDENTIFIED SECONDHAND SMOKE AS A TOXIC AIR  
20 CONTAMINANT. AND THE U.S. E.P.A. CLASSIFIED SECOND HAND SMOKE  
21 AS A GROUP A CARCINOGEN, A CATEGORY THAT INCLUDES OTHER  
22 HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS SUCH AS ARSENIC AND FORMALDEHYDE. 85  
23 PERCENT OF LUNG CANCER CASES IS CAUSED BY SMOKING. AND LUNG  
24 CANCER ALONE WILL CAUSE OVER 14,000 DEATHS IN CALIFORNIA THIS  
25 YEAR. THAT'S MORE THAN BREAST, PROSTATE AND COLON CANCERS



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1 COMBINED. THANKS TO CALIFORNIA TOBACCO CONTROL POLICIES LIKE  
2 THIS CURB TO CURB SMOKING BAN, SMOKING RATES HAVE BEEN ON THE  
3 DECLINE. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO ADVOCATE FOR THIS PUBLIC HEALTH  
4 ISSUE THAT HAS THE POWER TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR  
5 MANY AND TO CREATE HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. JENNIFER PAUL AND THEN I'M GOING  
8 TO ASK GLORIA DAVIS TO JOIN US, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

9

10 **JENNIFER PAUL:** GOOD MORNING. I'M JENNIFER PAUL WITH THE  
11 AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION. WITH A MISSION OF SAVING LIVES BY  
12 PREVENTING LUNG DISEASE AND PROMOTING LUNG HEALTH, THE  
13 AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION IS A LEADING PUBLIC HEALTH  
14 ORGANIZATION FIGHTING FOR THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO CLEAN, HEALTHY  
15 AIR. I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ON THE HEALTH-DAMAGING IMPACT OF  
16 SMOKING IN PARKS. SMOKING IN PARKS PROMOTES HARMFUL HABITS.  
17 EVERY DAY, OVER 4,000 CHILDREN IN THE U.S. SMOKE THEIR FIRST  
18 CIGARETTE AND 2,000 TEENAGERS BECOME DAILY SMOKERS. IN FACT, 3  
19 OUT OF 4 SMOKERS START BEFORE THE AGE OF 18. AS WE ALL KNOW,  
20 CHILDREN NEED POSITIVE ROLE MODELS IN THE COMMUNITY. SMOKING  
21 IN FAMILY-FRIENDLY PLACES LIKE A PARK SENDS THE WRONG MESSAGE  
22 TO OUR KIDS. THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION ASKS THAT YOU PASS  
23 THIS ORDINANCE, WHICH WILL IMPACT SENIORS AND YOUNG CHILDREN  
24 WHO HAVE LUNG AILMENTS AND CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE. THANK YOU FOR  
25 TAKING THIS STEP AS WE WORK TO FIND A CURE FOR LUNG DISEASE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I WILL ASK DENISE LAMB TO JOIN US,  
3 PLEASE.

4

5 **STEVEN GALLEGOS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S STEVEN GALLEGOS, I'M  
6 THE CHAIR OF THE COALITION FOR A TOBACCO FREE LOS ANGELES  
7 COUNTY. I'M HERE TO ASK TODAY FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF PASSAGE OF  
8 THE SMOKE-FREE COUNTY PARKS POLICY. AS YOU KNOW, THE TERRIBLE  
9 FIRES THAT WE HAD IN ANGELOS NATIONAL FOREST WERE STARTED  
10 BECAUSE OF THE DRY CONDITIONS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR FOREST.  
11 WELL, WE'VE GOT MANY PARK AREAS, TOO, THAT HAVE VERY DRY  
12 AREAS. AND THE POLICY TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE AND BAN SMOKING  
13 IN THESE PARKS WILL STOP THE PREVALENCE OR CHANCE THAT ANOTHER  
14 FIRE AS DEVASTATING AS THE ONE WE HAD IN ANGELOS NATIONAL  
15 FOREST WOULD EVER OCCUR. SO WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANK  
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS. JANET ROBERTS JOIN US, PLEASE.  
19 ALTON? ALTON?

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21 **ALTON DUHAN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALTON DUHAN. I'M A  
22 P.G.A. PROFESSIONAL AND TEACH GOLF AT MARTY TRAEGBMAN GOLF  
23 ACADEMY IN GRIFFITH PARK. AS A PROFESSIONAL, I AM ON THE  
24 COURSE SIX TO SEVEN TIMES A DAY AND SPEND A LOT OF MY TIME ON  
25 THE DRIVING RANGE WORKING WITH KIDS. I WANT TO THANK THE L.A.



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1 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND THANK THE  
2 SMOKE FREE PARK PLAN, A GREAT IDEA TO GO A LONG WAY IN HELPING  
3 KIDS, HELPING OUR KIDS FROM SECONDHAND SMOKE AT PARKS AND ON  
4 THE GOLF COURSE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DEMTRI MCKAY. OKAY, GLORIA?

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8 **GLORIA DAVIS:** GOOD MORNING. I'M GLORIA DAVIS, EXECUTIVE  
9 DIRECTOR OF THE GIRLS CLUB OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CHAIR OF THE  
10 COALITION FOR SMOKE-FREE LOS ANGELES PARKS. FOR THE PAST TWO  
11 YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS PROJECT, AND I'M HERE  
12 TODAY FOR ONE POINT: SMOKE-FREE POLICIES DO NOT HURT BUSINESS.  
13 CONCESSIONARIES HAVE EXPRESSED THAT THIS ORDINANCE HAVE  
14 EXPRESSED THAT THIS WILL HURT BUSINESS. HOWEVER YOUR OWN  
15 FEASIBILITY REPORT SHOWS THE ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT ON BOTH  
16 INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SMOKING BANS WILL HAVE NO NEGATIVE EFFECT.  
17 THE LOS ANGELES CITY REPORT SINCE THEIR ADOPTION, NO  
18 SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN REVENUE OR ATTENDANCE HAS OCCURRED.  
19 WHILE THE COALITION BELIEVES THAT A 100 PERCENT SMOKING BAN IN  
20 PARK WILL NOT HURT BUSINESS, THE BOARD AND THE PARK OF  
21 RECREATION HAS INCLUDED AN EXEMPTION FOR CONTRACT OPERATORS  
22 FACILITIES TO HAVE DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS. IN CLOSING THIS  
23 EXEMPTION CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THE BOARD, ALONG WITH THE  
24 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY TO



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1 ADDRESS THE CONCESSIONARIES CONCERNS. THE COALITION STRONGLY  
2 SUPPORTS THIS ORDINANCE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. FLORA PIERCE? THANK YOU,  
5 GLORIA. DENISE LAMB?

6

7 **DENISE LAMB:** HI, MY NAME IS DENISE LAMB AND I WORK WITH BLACK  
8 WOMEN FOR WELLNESS. BETWEEN MAY 2007 AND JUNE 2008, CIGARETTE  
9 LITTER CLEANUPS WERE CONDUCTED BY THE COALITION OF SMOKE-FREE  
10 LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARKS IN EACH OF THE FIVE SUPERVISORIAL  
11 DISTRICTS. AT EVERY CLEANUP, THOUSANDS OF PIECES OF CIGARETTE  
12 LITTER WERE FOUND, INCLUDING CIGARETTE CARTONS, LIGHTERS,  
13 MATCH BOOKS AND OF COURSE CIGARETTE BUTTS. EACH CLEANUP WAS  
14 CONDUCTED WITH THE HELP OF LOCAL YOUTH AND TOOK TWO HOURS TO  
15 COMPLETE. DISCARDED CIGARETTE BUTTS TAKE ABOUT 10 YEARS TO  
16 DISINTEGRATE CIGARETTE BUTTS EATEN BY BIRDS, PETS AND OTHER  
17 ANIMALS CAN RESULT IN MALNUTRITION, STARVATION AND BLOCKED AIR  
18 PASSAGES. CHILDREN CAN SWALLOW OR CHOKE ON CIGARETTE BUTTS  
19 DISCARDED IN THE PARK. POISON CONTROL CENTERS SEE AN AVERAGE  
20 8,000 CHILDREN PER YEAR POISONED BY INGESTING CIGARETTE BUTTS.  
21 CIGARETTES ARE A FIRE HAZARD. 2007, GRIFFITH PARK FIRE WAS  
22 CAUSED BY A CIGARETTE BUTT. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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1   **JANET ROBERTS:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

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3   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON. EXCUSE ME JUST A SECOND. START  
4   HER TIME OVER. JOAN WADDELL, IF YOU'D JOIN US, PLEASE. SORRY.  
5   GO AHEAD.

6

7   **JANET ROBERTS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
8   CHAIRMAN DON KNABE AND BOARD MEMBERS. I'M JANET ROBERTS,  
9   MEMBER OF THE COALITION FOR SMOKE FREE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
10   PARKS AND MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG  
11   CHILDREN. AND I'M HERE TO SHARE THE RESULTS OF THE COUNTY'S  
12   SMOKE-FREE PARKS SURVEY, WHICH IS BEING DISTRIBUTED. ACCORDING  
13   TO THE POLL IN 2007-2008 GATHERED BY THE GIRLS' CLUB OF LOS  
14   ANGELES, 665 RESIDENTS, 79 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY RESIDENTS  
15   ADMITTED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO SECOND-HAND SMOKE AT A  
16   PARK. 92 PERCENT OF THE RESPONDENTS BELIEVE THAT SECOND-HAND  
17   SMOKE IS HARMFUL TO THEIR HEALTH. AND ONLY 64 PERCENT OF  
18   RESPONDENTS WERE AWARE OF THE STATE LAW THAT BANS SMOKING  
19   WITHIN 20 FEET OF CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS. WE HAVE GATHERED 35  
20   LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM VARIOUS CITIES AND NONPROFIT AGENCIES  
21   MORE SMOKE-FREE PARKS. WE HAVE LETTERS FROM EACH ONE OF YOUR  
22   DISTRICTS. WE THANK YOU SO MUCH, ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE  
23   HERE, TO SUPPORT THE COALITION. PLEASE STAND HERE AT THIS  
24   TIME. WE ALL THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] AND WE ALL APPLAUD YOUR  
25   LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. PATRICIA ETEM? DEMTRI?

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4 **DEMTRI MCKAY:** GOOD MORNING. TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CHAIR  
5 DON KNABE AND BOARD MEMBERS, I'M DEMTRI MCKAY. I'M A GOLFER  
6 AND AS A CHILD I LEARNED HOW TO GOLF AT CHESTER WASHINGTON  
7 GOLF COURSE. AS AN ADULT I STILL GOLF AT CHESTER WASHINGTON  
8 ALONG WITH MY SON AARON AND MANY OF OUR FRIENDS. I HAVE GOLFED  
9 AT OTHER COUNTY FACILITIES, SUCH AS WHITTIER NARROWS,  
10 ROSEMEAD, LAKEWOOD GOLF COURSE. ON BEHALF OF MY GOLF FRIENDS,  
11 WE SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT. I AM HERE TO PROTECT MY FAMILY AND  
12 FRIENDS FROM THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF CIGARETTES AND CIGARS.  
13 GOLF COURSES SHOULD BE A FRIENDLY PLACE. PARENTS MUST BE A  
14 POSITIVE ROLE MODEL, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY,  
15 TOO. I APPLAUD THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP TO MAKE PARKS SMOKE-  
16 FREE BY CREATING A SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR GOLFERS  
17 AND THEIR FAMILIES. I HOPE THAT WE CAN CHERISH AND PRESERVE  
18 THE GOLF COURSES AND PARKS. I WANT TO SEE A UNANIMOUS VOTE  
19 TODAY, 5-0 VOTE WOULD BE THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WOULD YOU WRAP IT UP?

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23 **DMETRI MCKAY:** I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME. THANK YOU.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. CRAIG KESSLER? [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FLORA?

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4 **FLORA PIERCE:** GOOD MORNING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CHAIR  
5 DON KNABE AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS FLORA PIERCE AND I'M A  
6 GOLFER AND I SUPPORT THIS BAN. WHEN I'M GOLFING WITH MY  
7 FRIENDS AND MY CHILDREN WE WANT FRESH AIR. CIGARETTES AND  
8 CIGARS ARE DISGUSTING AND I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO SMELL THEM.  
9 WE ALL KNOW THAT SMOKE DRIFTS AND IS HARMFUL TO CHILDREN AND  
10 PEOPLE WITH ASTHMA AND OTHER RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS. I  
11 PERSONALLY HAVE HAD MEMBERS IN MY FAMILY TO DIE FROM SMOKING  
12 AND SECONDHAND SMOKE. SO I KNOW FIRSTHAND ABOUT PREMATURE  
13 DEATH AND DISEASES CAUSED BY SMOKING. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT  
14 HEALTH. IT'S ALSO ABOUT THE UNPLEASANT SMELL OF CIGARETTES AND  
15 THE FACT THAT SMOKERS LEAVE THE BUTTS EVERYWHERE. I THINK OUR  
16 FAMILIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO PLAY GOLF IN A SMOKE-FREE AND  
17 CIGARETTE-BUTT FREE COURSE. ALSO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO A  
18 UNANIMOUS VOTE TODAY. I THANK YOU FOR HEARING MY CONCERNS  
19 TODAY.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] HERMAN ARMANDO?

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23 **JOAN WADDELL:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
24 JOAN WADDELL. I REPRESENT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM  
25 AND DRUG DEPENDENCE, SOUTH BAY, AND SOUTH BAY SMOKE-FREE PARKS



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1 AND BEACHES. ENFORCEMENT IS NOT AN ISSUE. REFERENCING YOUR  
2 FEASIBILITY REPORT ON PAGE 3 ACCORDING TO CHIEF NASH AND LOS  
3 ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY, PARKS AND BUREAU, NO  
4 ADDITIONAL COSTS WILL BE INCURRED FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE BAN  
5 ON SMOKING IN COUNTY PARKS, SINCE ENFORCEMENT WOULD OCCUR  
6 DURING REGULAR PATROLS OF OTHER BANNED BEHAVIORS, SUCH AS  
7 LITTERING. SMOKE-FREE PARKS ARE SELF-ENFORCING SINCE PEOPLE  
8 WHO SMOKE ARE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS. THIS ORDINANCE WOULD BE  
9 SELF-ENFORCING BY PLACING SUFFICIENT SIGNAGE. THE DEPARTMENT  
10 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TOBACCO CONTROL PREVENTION PROGRAM HAS  
11 IDENTIFIED 36,000 FROM PROPOSITION 99 TO FUND THE SIGNAGE AND  
12 SUPPLIES. THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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16 **PAT ETEM:** GOOD MORNING. I'M PAT ETEM. I DIRECT RESEARCH POLICY  
17 AND PLANNING FOR BREATHE CALIFORNIA OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND  
18 I THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR HEARING THE CURB TO CURB  
19 BAN FOR SMOKE-FREE PARKS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ON BEHALF OF  
20 OUR BOARD, WHICH IS COMPRISED OF PHYSICIANS, INCLUDING  
21 PULMONOLOGISTS AND PEDIATRICIANS, WHO ON A DAILY BASIS REALLY  
22 DEAL WITH THE FALLOUT OF EXPOSURE TO SECOND-HAND SMOKE, WE  
23 WOULD LIKE TO VOICE OUR STRONG SUPPORT OF A CURB TO CURB  
24 SMOKE-FREE BAN FOR THE PARKS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
25 THIS REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY EFFORT TO INFLUENCE



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1 POSITIVE LIFESTYLES, AND THIS EFFORT HAS INVOLVED YOUTH AND  
2 YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS. THIS PROVIDES THE  
3 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO JOIN OTHER  
4 COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE NATION AS WELL AS CITIES INCLUDING THE  
5 CITY OF LONG BEACH IN HAVING A STRONG SMOKE-FREE PARKS  
6 ORDINANCE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CRAIG?

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10 **CRAIG KESSLER:** CHAIRMAN KNABE, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD  
11 MORNING. MY NAME IS CRAIG KESSLER, I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
12 PUBLIC LINKS GOLF ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND ON  
13 BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION, I'M HERE TODAY TO REASSURE YOU THAT  
14 THE LANGUAGE OF THE ORDINANCE IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERALLY  
15 GOOD BUSINESS PRACTICES AT THOSE GOLF COURSES AND CONCESSIONS.  
16 ALSO I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT THE ORDINANCE-- AND WE  
17 ENCOURAGE YOU TO ADOPT IT TODAY-- IS STRONGER THAN THE  
18 ORDINANCE THAT WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY OR COMPANION CITY OF  
19 LOS ANGELES WHICH CATEGORICALLY EXEMPTED GOLF COURSES.  
20 NEVERTHELESS THE LANGUAGE THAT'S IN HERE GIVING CERTAIN  
21 DISCRETIONS TO THE DIRECTORS' DESIGNEES AND TO THE OPERATORS  
22 YOU HAVE RUNNING THESE GOLF COURSES FOR YOU AGAIN IS  
23 CONSISTENT WITH SOUND BUSINESS PRACTICE. IT'S WORKABLE. BUT AT  
24 THE SAME TIME IT WILL PREVENT THE DANGERS OF SECONDHAND SMOKE.



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1 WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE TODAY. THANK YOU VERY  
2 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. ARMANDO?

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6 **ARMANDO HERMAN:** GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS ARMANDO HERMAN AND I  
7 OPPOSE THIS HEALTH HAZARD THAT WE ALL ENCOUNTER DAILY. AND WE  
8 JUST HOPE FOR THE BENEFIT OF DOUBT THAT THE LANGUAGE THAT IS  
9 BEING PROVIDED HERE UNDER THIS ORDINANCE DOESN'T SAY REALLY  
10 WHAT THE EFFECT WILL BE AGAINST THIS IN THE FUTURE. IF WE  
11 PREVENT THOSE WHO SMOKE AND DON'T CONSIDER THE HEALTH OF  
12 OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE LIKE MYSELF WHO HAVE RESPIRATORY  
13 ISSUES, WE JUST ASK THAT MEMBERS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHAT THE  
14 FUTURE IS. AND IF WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE SMOKERS AND  
15 ALLOW THIS TO AFFECT OTHERS' LIVES, THEN THINK OF THE COSTS  
16 IT'S GOING TO BE AND THE HOSPITALS THAT WE'RE CLOSING TODAY.  
17 AND WE DON'T HOLD ACCOUNTABLE THE SMOKING INDUSTRIES THAT  
18 PROVIDE US WITH ALL THIS BAD ODORS OF NICOTINE AND SMOKE. SO I  
19 JUST OPPOSE OF IT. AND I HOPE THAT YOUR CONSIDERATION INTO THE  
20 LANGUAGE IS MORE APPROPRIATE FOR US ALL. THANK YOU.

21 [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. SECONDED, OKAY.  
24 I'LL BE VOTING NO. IT PASSES 4-1. THE ITEM PASSES. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** JUST FOR THE RECORD, THAT ALSO RELATES TO  
2 ITEM 48.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PARDON ME?

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** JUST FOR THE RECORD, THAT ALSO RELATES TO  
7 ITEM 48.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT. ON ITEM 48, THE ORDINANCE. THANK  
10 YOU ALL FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME DOWN. APPRECIATE IT.  
11 [APPLAUSE.] OKAY.

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SECOND READING IT WILL, YES. ITEM 48.  
14 SUPERVISOR MOLINA NOW IS UP.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M GOING TO ASK MR. GRANBO TO COME UP AND JOIN  
17 US.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHO ARE YOU ASKING FOR?

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. GRANBO.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. GRANBO, IN THE DISCUSSION THAT WE HAD LAST  
24 WEEK ON C.S.-1, WHAT DID YOU UNDERSTAND TO BE THE ACTION THAT



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1 I HAD ASKED YOU TO TAKE OR THE INFORMATION THAT I ASKED YOU TO  
2 GET?

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4 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** EXPLORE THEORIES OF LIABILITY THAT  
5 COULD BE ASSERTED AGAINST THE COUNTY?

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY? WHAT? I DIDN'T HEAR HIM.

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9 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, ARE YOU READY?

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

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13 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** TO EXPLORE THEORIES OF LIABILITY THAT  
14 COULD BE ASSERTED AGAINST THE COUNTY BY THE SECURITY GUARDS  
15 AND TO GIVE YOU WHAT THOSE THEORIES WOULD BE.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** DID YOU READ THE INSTRUCTION? I ASKED YOU HOW IT  
18 COULD BE WRITTEN AS A LIABILITY.

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20 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING, AFTER  
21 DISCUSSING--?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** DID YOU READ THE INSTRUCTION?

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1   **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** NO. I REMEMBERED IT FROM THE CLOSED  
2   SESSION.

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4   **SUP. MOLINA:** SO DO I, AND I REMEMBER I ASKED YOU TO WRITE IT  
5   AS A LIABILITY.

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7   **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** THAT'S WHAT WE ATTEMPTED TO DO.

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9   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU ATTEMPTED TO DO. I ASKED YOU  
10   HERE: COUNTY COUNSEL WAS TO RESEARCH HOW THE COUNTY COULD  
11   CONSIDER THE EMPLOYEES' WAGES AS A LIABILITY AND FOR FUTURE  
12   CONTRACTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE COULD BE ANYTHING PUT IN  
13   THE CONTRACT TO PROTECT THE EMPLOYEES SUCH AS A BOND. LASTLY,  
14   THE BOARD ASKED FOR EXAMPLE WHERE COMPANIES HAVE GONE BANKRUPT  
15   AND SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID.

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17   **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** WELL THE LAST TWO PARTS THAT YOU JUST  
18   READ WE'RE PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT IN CLOSED SESSION WITH YOU.

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20   **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW. BUT I ASKED YOU VERY CLEARLY TO SEE IF  
21   YOU COULD WRITE IT AS A LIABILITY. AND YOU DIDN'T DO THAT.  
22   INSTEAD YOU GAVE ME THE SAME LEGAL OPINION THAT YOU PROVIDED  
23   FOR US THE LAST TIME, WHICH SAID THAT IT COULD NOT BE DONE.

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1    **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, I GAVE YOU THE BEST LEGAL  
2    ADVICE THAT I COULD COME UP WITH.

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4    **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR, I DIDN'T ASK YOU FOR THAT.

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6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** COME ON. THIS IS AN ISSUE WE NEED TO  
7    DISCUSS IN CLOSED SESSION. NO, THIS IS AN ISSUE WE NEED TO  
8    DISCUSS IN CLOSED SESSION.

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10   **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY. THE BANKRUPTCY IS BEFORE US IN CLOSED  
11   SESSION. THE PAYING OF THESE WAGES IS NOT NOT.

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13   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ABSOLUTELY IT IS.

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15   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO IT IS NOT.

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17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S PRECEDENT SETTING.

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19   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THIS BECAUSE I ASKED FOR  
20   A SPECIFIC.

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22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ASKED FOR ONE THING. AND NOT JUST TO  
23   GET THE RIGHT ANSWER.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. THE IDEA WAS TO ASK HIM HOW TO WRITE IT AS A  
2   LIABILITY. NOW, I DON'T KNOW IF I HAD THE VOTES FOR IT. I  
3   DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IF I WAS GOING TO SUPPORT IT. BUT THAT'S WHAT  
4   I ASKED FOR.

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6   **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, WHEN YOU ASKED TO WRITE IT  
7   AS A LIABILITY, I BELIEVED YOU WERE TALKING IN THE CONTEXT OF  
8   HOW WE SETTLE CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS AS LIABILITY CLAIMS AND  
9   LAWSUITS. SO I CAME UP WITH THEORIES THAT THE SECURITY GUARDS  
10   COULD ASSERT, BUT WE DON'T THINK THEY HAVE LEGITIMATE THEORIES  
11   AGAINST THE COUNTY.

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13   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT WHAT I ASKED YOU, MR. GRAMBO.

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15   **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ASKED ME,  
16   THEN, SUPERVISOR.

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18   **SUP. MOLINA:** ON THIS ISSUE, WHAT WE HAVE HERE AND MAYBE MR.  
19   LIEBERMAN CAN JOIN US, AS WELL. WHEN THIS BANKRUPTCY STARTED,  
20   THIS GENTLEMAN WAS ARRESTED BY OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF.  
21   HE WAS CHARGED WITH FAILING TO PAY MORE THAN 9 MILLION IN  
22   WORKMAN'S COMP INSURANCE PREMIUMS. THEN THERE WAS SOME  
23   DIALOGUE THAT WENT BACK AND FORTH FROM OUR DEPUTIES, OUR  
24   JUSTICE DEPUTIES, ALL OF THEM RECEIVED IT, ABOUT THE FACT THAT  
25   THE COUNTY POLICE HAD FOUND OUT THAT THERE WAS A BANKRUPTCY



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1 AND THAT WE LEARNED THAT THE COMPANY SECURITY GUARDS HAD NOT  
2 BEEN PAID SINCE APRIL THE TENTH. ALL RIGHT? SO YOU HAD FULL  
3 KNOWLEDGE THAT THESE EMPLOYEES HAD NOT BEEN PAID. COUNTY  
4 COUNSEL IS ALSO COPIED ON THESE EMAILS. IT GOES ON TO SAY THEN  
5 THERE'S ANOTHER EMAIL THAT SAYS AND THEY AGAIN YOU'RE COPIED  
6 ON THIS ONE, AS WELL--

7

8 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** ME PERSONALLY, SUPERVISOR?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** COUNTY COUNSEL. AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GUYS  
11 DO IT. SHARPER AT-- NO, LEELA KAPUR AT COUNTY COUNSEL. AND  
12 THEN THE NEXT DAY YOU HAVE I.S.D. REPORTS THAT 124 SECURITY  
13 GUARDS AT THE 56 LOCATIONS WERE THERE AND THAT 26 OF THE 124  
14 HAD ABANDONED THEIR POST. SO YOU HAD ALMOST 100 OF THEM WHO  
15 WERE WORKING FOR US AND WE KNEW IT AT THAT TIME. EVEN THOUGH  
16 EVERYONE KNEW THE BANKRUPTCY HAD BEEN FILED. SO WE HAVE THESE  
17 EMPLOYEES WORKING FOR US WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE ON ALL ASPECTS OF  
18 THAT. THEN AGAIN THERE WAS THE OTHER MEMO IN WHICH CHIEF  
19 LIEBERMAN IS ASKING THE CONTRACT MONITORS TO BE FINALLY  
20 RELIEVED OF DUTY. AND THAT COUNTY COUNSEL HAD ADVISED THEM  
21 THAT WE SHOULD DO IT AT THAT TIME. SO, COUNTY COUNSEL HAD FULL  
22 KNOWLEDGE THAT THESE EMPLOYEES WERE WORKING WITHOUT PAY.

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24 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** EXCUSE ME. WITH PLENTY OF TIME. AND MY CONCERN  
2   IS, IS THAT WHEN COUNTY COUNSEL WANTS TO DO SOMETHING, IT WILL  
3   DO IT. NOW, I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IS OUTSTANDING TO THESE  
4   EMPLOYEES. BUT WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS YOU HAVE A GROUP OF  
5   EMPLOYEES WHO WERE SHOWING UP TO WORK, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE  
6   OUR CONTRACT EMPLOYEES, AND NOW WE WANT TO DISMISS THE FACT  
7   THAT WE CAN'T PAY THEM UNDER ALL OF THE LEGAL JUMBLE YOU WILL  
8   DO. I ASKED FOR A SPECIFIC REQUEST. I DIDN'T KNOW IF IT WAS  
9   GOING TO PASS OR NOT. BUT WHEN I ASKED FOR SOMETHING, I WOULD  
10   HAVE THOUGHT I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN SUCH A RESPONSE. NOW WHAT'S  
11   FASCINATING ABOUT THIS PROCESS, IS THAT IT CAME ACROSS MY DESK  
12   LAST WEEK, I GOT A WHOLE MEMO. AGAIN, THIS IS A WHOLE BUNCH OF  
13   CONTRACTS IN WHICH PEOPLE DID NOT PERFORM THE SERVICES. THEY  
14   WERE AUDITED BY THE COUNTY. THEY DID NOT PERFORM THE SERVICES.  
15   AND NOW THEY HAVE BEEN WRITTEN OFF. D&F SERVICES, \$577,000 WAS  
16   WRITTEN OFF. WE HAVE FAMILY'S GROUP HOME DID NOT PROVIDE THOSE  
17   SERVICES DURING THE YEAR, \$717,000 WAS WRITTEN OFF. MELITAS  
18   GROUP HOME, \$853,000 WAS WRITTEN OFF. INTERNATIONAL F.F.A.,  
19   \$131 AND 31,000. THAT IS FOR A TOTAL OF \$2.6 MILLION THAT WERE  
20   WRITTEN OFF OF PEOPLE WHO HAD CONTRACTS THAT DID NOT PROVIDE  
21   SERVICES. IN CONTRAST TO A COUPLE OF SECURITY GUARDS WHO  
22   SHOWED UP, WHO I.S.D. AND LIEBERMAN AND OTHERS WHO KNEW, AND I  
23   ASKED FOR THE SIMPLICITY OF ASKING YOU TO FIND A WAY. IT'S A  
24   SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS OF WORK THEY WERE  
25   THERE. SOME DIDN'T SHOW UP. THEY WERE PROVIDING SECURITY.



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1 WHETHER THEY WERE IN OUR HOSPITALS, IN OUR CLINICS, IN OUR  
2 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. NO ONE WAS COMPLAINING THAT DAY. THEY  
3 WERE JUST FINDING BACKUP FOR THE ONES THAT DIDN'T SHOW UP. I  
4 THINK THAT THIS COUNTY, ON JUST THE ISSUE OF EQUITY AND  
5 FAIRNESS, OWES SOME KIND OF DUTY. THERE IS NO DOUBT, MR.  
6 GRAMBO, THAT WHEN ALL OF THESE LAWS ARE PUT IN PLACE AS A  
7 BARRIER FOR SOMEONE WHO I'M SURE IS GETTING MINIMUM WAGE AS A  
8 SECURITY GUARD AND THAT YOU CAN'T FIND A WAY, BUT WHEN NEED BE  
9 PEOPLE WITH BIG LOBBYISTS CAN WRITE OFF \$2.6 MILLION FOR  
10 CONTRACTS THAT WERE PAID AND WORK WAS NOT PERFORMED AND  
11 COLLECTIONS WERE NEVER EVEN PROVIDED AT ALL. SO I'M SAYING THE  
12 CONTRAST IS UNBELIEVABLE. AND I STILL THINK THAT THERE IS A  
13 DUTY OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY. I DON'T EVEN KNOW ANYTHING,  
14 WHETHER THESE GUARDS HAVE FILED CLAIMS, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT  
15 THEIR SITUATION IS. SOME OF THEM WERE LOOKING FOR JOBS WITH A  
16 SECURITY FIRM THAT TOOK OVER THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES. SOME HAVE  
17 BEEN HIRED. SOME MAYBE HAVE NOT BEEN HIRED. BUT I KNOW THAT  
18 THERE WAS AN EXPECTATION AT SOME POINT THAT THE COUNTY WOULD  
19 HONOR, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT KNEW CLEARLY. THE COUNTY ARRESTED  
20 THIS GENTLEMAN FOR OTHER WORKMAN'S COMP FRAUD. THEY KNEW THE  
21 BANKRUPTCY. THEY KNEW THESE EMPLOYEES WERE WORKING AND SHOWING  
22 UP EVERY DAY. SOME OF THEM DID NOT. AND VERY, FRANKLY, I AM  
23 VERY, VERY DISAPPOINTED WHEN I ASKED FOR A CERTAIN INFORMATION  
24 AND YOU DECIDED TO JUST PURSUE THE LEGAL END OF IT. AND I  
25 UNDERSTAND THAT CLEARLY. BUT WHEN WE ASKED YOU AT ANY OTHER



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1 TIME TO PROVIDE IT, YOU GUYS PROVIDE WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO  
2 WHENEVER YOU WANT TO DO IT. AND I'M TELLING YOU THAT I DON'T  
3 APPRECIATE ANY OF IT. AND I PARTICULARLY LIKE THAT LINE ABOUT  
4 "PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY". THAT WAS A REAL GOOD ONE IN THERE.  
5 SO I'M PUTTING IN THIS MOTION AT THIS TIME BECAUSE I THINK  
6 THAT WE HAVE A DUTY AND A RESPONSIBILITY UNDER EQUITY AND  
7 FAIRNESS AS WE DO ALL THE TIME. ON APRIL 2009 AN EXECUTIVE  
8 WITH THE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIONS COMPANY INTERNATIONAL  
9 SERVICES INC. WHO ALSO SERVED AS A RESERVE DEPUTY WITH THE LOS  
10 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFFS WAS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH FAILING  
11 TO PAY MORE THAN \$9 MILLION IN WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION  
12 INSURANCE PREMIUMS. THE COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH I.S.I. FOR  
13 SECURITY SERVICES IN OUR HEALTH CLINICS, OUR SOCIAL SERVICES  
14 BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT PUBLIC FACILITIES. DESPITE THE  
15 BANKRUPTCY ANNOUNCEMENT, THESE SECURITY WORKERS BELIEVED IT  
16 WAS THEIR DUTY TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE COUNTY,  
17 SO THEY CONTINUED TO REPORT TO WORK. WE CANNOT LET  
18 BUREAUCRATIC EXCUSES PREVENT THESE EMPLOYEES FROM GETTING  
19 PAID. THEY HONORED THEIR COMMITMENT TO US BY PERFORMING THE  
20 JOB; WE SHOULD HONOR OUR COMMITMENT TO THEM BY PAYING THEM,  
21 ESPECIALLY SINCE THE COUNTY FULLY KNEW THAT I.S.I. WAS IN  
22 MURKY FINANCIAL WATERS. THEIR FINANCIAL STATUS WAS NO SECRET  
23 TO US, AND WE CONTINUED TO HIRE THEM. WE SHOULD, IN GOOD  
24 FAITH, PAY THE EMPLOYEES ACCORDINGLY. THE COUNTY, KNOWING THAT  
25 THESE SECURITY OFFICERS HAD NOT BEEN PAID SINCE APRIL THE



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1 TENTH, CONTINUED TO RELY ON THEIR SERVICES AND DID NOT RELIEVE  
2 THEM OF DUTY UNTIL MAY 6TH, A FULL 26 DAYS LATER. THE COUNTY  
3 AND ITS FACILITIES CLEARLY BENEFITED FROM THE SECURITY  
4 SERVICES. IN A SPIRIT OF JUSTICE, FAIRNESS AND EQUITY, THE  
5 COUNTY SHOULD REIMBURSE THESE EMPLOYEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED.  
6 I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE C.E.O., COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE  
7 AUDITOR DETERMINE HOW MUCH THESE EMPLOYEES ARE OWED AND ISSUE  
8 PAYMENTS ACCORDINGLY.

9

10 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, I ASSUME THAT YOU'RE  
11 READING THAT INTO THE RECORD FOR THE NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY, IS THERE A PROBLEM TO DO IT RIGHT NOW? I'M  
14 SORRY?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE IS NO URGENCY. I'M GOING TO ASK  
17 THAT THIS MOTION BE REFERRED TO CLOSED SESSION TO DEAL WITH  
18 THE OTHER ITEM.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IT CAN BE HEARD THEN TODAY?

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22 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** PARDON ME?

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN IT WILL BE HEARD TODAY.

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1   **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** WELL, I BELIEVE THE NOTICE WAS FOR  
2   CLOSED SESSION WAS FOR THE BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS.

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4   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT. ALL RIGHT. THEN WE CAN  
5   NOTE SINCE THIS WAS NOT THE ISSUE THERE, THEN WE CAN NOTICE  
6   THIS FOR NEXT WEEK AND PUT IT ON THE PUBLIC AGENDA SINCE THE  
7   NOTICE WAS EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE BANKRUPTCY. THIS IS AN ISSUE  
8   ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE HAVE TO PAY WORKERS THAT SHOWED  
9   UP FOR WORK.

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11   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. PUT ON NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA, THAT'S  
12   FINE.

13

14   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND CAN I ALSO ASK THAT MAYBE SOMEBODY GET BACK  
15   TO US ON HOW THEY LEGALLY WRITE OFF \$2.6 MILLION?

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17   **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, WE CERTAINLY WILL  
18   LOOK INTO THAT, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WE WERE NOT AWARE OF YOUR  
19   INTENTIONS OR WHAT YOU WERE GOING TO CITE AS AUTHORITY PRIOR  
20   TO THE BOARD HEARING, SO WE ARE SOMEWHAT DISADVANTAGED AND  
21   UNABLE TO RESPOND TO A NUMBER OF THE STATEMENTS AND BASICALLY  
22   ALLEGATIONS THAT YOU'VE MADE.

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24   **SUP. MOLINA:** THESE ALLEGATIONS? THIS CAME FROM THE AUDITOR'S  
25   OFFICE.



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2 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** I'M TALKING ABOUT THE ALLEGATIONS AS TO PRIOR  
3 KNOWLEDGE BY COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, AGAIN, YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW HOW-- WHAT  
6 THE RESPONSIBILITY IS. IF IT'S SUPPOSED TO GO TO LEELA KAPUR  
7 OR WHAT THE CHAIN OF COMMAND IS THERE. ALL I KNOW IS THEY ALSO  
8 HAD A DUTY TO MAYBE RESEARCH SOME OF THESE ISSUES, AS WELL.

9

10 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, WE CAN DISCUSS THAT ISSUE  
11 IN CLOSED SESSION. BUT IT WAS RESEARCHED. THEORIES WERE  
12 PRESENTED IN THE MEMO, BUT WE DO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO ADVISE  
13 YOU OF THE PITFALLS OF THOSE THEORIES. THAT'S WHAT WE'VE DONE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T MIND THAT. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THERE IS  
16 NOT A RESPONSE TO WHAT I ASKED FOR. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE.

17

18 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** WELL I BELIEVE, THERE IS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, THERE IS A DIFFERENCE. AND VERY, FRANKLY,  
21 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THIS COUNTY IS DOING MORE AND MORE OF  
22 IS GOING BEHIND CLOSED SESSION AND HIDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS  
23 OF APPROVALS ON A CONSTANT BASIS, OF APPROVING THINGS ON A  
24 CONSTANT BASIS AROUND HERE WITHOUT MUCH OF THE JUSTIFICATION,  
25 AS WELL.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU GIVE AN EXAMPLE?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SURE. MR. NAGLE IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO?

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** MAYBE THAT LONG. I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS THAT LONG  
9 AGO. ALMOST A HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES THAT CONSTITUTE THAT WE ARE DOING IT  
12 MORE AND MORE, SOME CITATIONS?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'VE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE ONGOING CLOSED  
15 SESSIONS. AND MY CONCERN IS THAT VERY CLEARLY--

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT'S NOT TRUE. SO I'M ASKING YOU TO CITE  
18 A CASE. CITE A CASE IN THE LAST YEAR. WHAT ARE YOU TALKING  
19 ABOUT?

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M TALKING ABOUT THE CONSTANT-- ON ALL OF THESE  
22 ISSUES.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF IT'S CONSTANT, THEN CERTAINLY YOU WOULD  
25 HAVE AT LEAST ONE CASE THAT COMES TO MIND.





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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THE NAGLE BECAUSE IT WAS THREE OR FOUR YEARS  
3 AGO DOESN'T COUNT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF IT'S CONSTANT, GIVE ME ONE.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONSTANT, I CAN-- IN EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THESE  
8 CASES OF LIABILITY THAT WE ARE RAISING, THERE IS ALWAYS A  
9 SETTLEMENT THAT IS DONE. AND IT IS CLEARLY NOT ON THE BASIS OF  
10 ANY INFORMATION THAT IS PROVIDED TO US. IT IS DONE AS  
11 CONVENIENCE. AS WE CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THESE SETTLEMENT CASES  
12 ON AN ONGOING BASIS, IT IS USUALLY BECAUSE IT'S SOME FAULT OF  
13 SOME COUNTY EMPLOYEE ON A REGULAR BASIS THAT IS NOT REVIEWED.  
14 YOU HAVE A COUPLE THAT ARE GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION TODAY  
15 THAT IF YOU READ THE LEGAL MEMO, IT CLEARLY DOES NOT STATE THE  
16 FACTS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** A COUPLE OF THINGS. ONE, I WOULD HOPE THAT  
21 WE COULD DISPOSE OF THE MATTER ACCORDINGLY TODAY PURSUANT TO  
22 CALENDARING THIS FOR NEXT WEEK. AND WITH YOUR CONSENT, MR.  
23 CHAIRMAN, PERHAPS THE COUNTY COUNSEL SHOULD HAVE A  
24 CONVERSATION WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER ON THE INFORMATION  
25 THAT WAS PRESENTED SO AS TO NOT BE IN THE POSITION OF



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1    ASSERTING THAT YOU KNOW NOT OF THE NUMBERS THAT WERE  
2    PRESENTED. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, IN  
3    WHATEVER CONTEXT, CLOSED SESSION OR IN OPEN SESSION, THAT YOU  
4    AT LEAST BE AWARE OF THE INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT  
5    FORTH SO THAT THERE IS CLARITY. SO THAT THERE IS CLARITY AS TO  
6    THE PRESENTATION THAT HAS BEEN MADE. FOR SOME OF US, IT IS NEW  
7    INFORMATION, BUT INFORMATION THAT HAS BEARING ON OUR DECISION  
8    MAKING PROCESSES. AND IF THERE IS ANOTHER ENTITY WITHIN OUR  
9    STRUCTURE, NAMELY THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, THAT STANDS BEHIND  
10    THESE NUMBERS, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT IS, IN FACT, MATERIAL.

11

12    **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** I'M NOT DISPUTING THAT, SUPERVISOR.

13

14    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M NOT SUGGESTING THAT YOU ARE DISPUTING  
15    IT, SIR, THROUGH THE CHAIR, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BOARD, THAT  
16    WHICH YOU SAID YOU HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT, I'M SUGGESTING  
17    THAT YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION AT THIS POINT, THROUGH THE  
18    AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, TO JUST GET THAT INFORMATION SO THAT THERE  
19    IS CLARITY, AT LEAST IN YOUR MIND AS YOU SEEK TO PROVIDE  
20    INFORMATION AND COUNSEL TO THE BOARD.

21

22    **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** I APPRECIATE THAT.

23

24    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** FAIR ENOUGH? MR. CHAIRMAN?

25



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT. DO  
2   YOU KNOW WHAT? IN ALL DUE RESPECT, WHAT HAPPENS A LOT OF  
3   TIMES, WE ASK SPECIFIC THINGS, WE DON'T GET THE ANSWER WE  
4   WANT, THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S WRONG. OKAY?

5

6   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT IS THE CASE THAT THERE'S  
7   NEW INFORMATION.

8

9   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, WELL IT'S BEEN CALENDARED FOR NEXT  
10   WEEK. MR. YAROSLAVSKY?

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S YOU OR GRANBO  
13   SHOULD RESPOND TO THIS, BUT DO WE NOT HAVE A LIABILITY ON THIS  
14   CASE, TOO? HAVE WE NOT PAID THE CONTRACTOR?

15

16   **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** WE, I BELIEVE-- ROGER CAN ANSWER THAT.

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. AND DO WE NOT OWE THE BANKRUPTCY?

19

20   **ROGER GRANBO:** SUPERVISOR, WE OWE THE SECURITY COMPANY \$750,000  
21   APPROXIMATELY. WE'RE ALLOWED TO WITHHOLD A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF  
22   THAT FOR THE COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND THE REST IS  
23   OWED TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT. AND THAT IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO  
24   DISCUSS IN CLOSED SESSION.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN WE HIRED THIS FIRM, AND THE MOTION  
2   THAT'S BEEN CALENDARED FOR NEXT WEEK, THE ASSERTION IS MADE  
3   THAT WE SHOULD HONOR OUR COMMITMENT TO THEM, MEANING THE  
4   EMPLOYEES, BY PAYING THEM. THE FINANCIAL STATUS WAS NO SECRET  
5   TO US AND WE CONTINUED TO HIRE THEM. DID WE HIRE THE  
6   EMPLOYEES? OR DID WE HIRE A FIRM WHICH HIRED THE EMPLOYEES?

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8   **ROGER GRANBO:** THE FIRM.

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID WE FIRE EMPLOYEES?

11

12   **ROGER GRANBO:** NO. ONCE WE GOT PERMISSION FROM THE BANKRUPTCY  
13   COURT TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACTS, WHICH WE SUBSEQUENTLY  
14   REPORTED TO YOU, WE THEN INFORMED THE EMPLOYEES THAT THEY WERE  
15   NO LONGER WORKING UNDER A CONTRACT.

16

17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE MOTION, THE  
18   COUNTY KNOWING THAT THESE SECURITY OFFICERS HAD NOT BEEN PAID  
19   SINCE APRIL 10TH CONTINUED TO RELY ON THEIR SERVICES AND DID  
20   NOT RELIEVE THEM OF THEIR DUTY UNTIL MAY 6TH. DID WE RELIEVE  
21   THE EMPLOYEES OF THEIR DUTY?

22

23   **ROGER GRANBO:** WE DIDN'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO RELIEVE THEM OF  
24   THEIR DUTY OR INTERFERE WITH THEIR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP.

25



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FINISH YOUR SENTENCE.

2

3    **ROGER GRANBO:** WHEN WE FOUND OUT THEY WENT INTO BANKRUPTCY ON  
4    APRIL 30TH, WE IMMEDIATELY HIRED BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL WHO WENT  
5    IN AND FILED AN EMERGENCY MOTION TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACTS.  
6    THAT HAPPENED ON MAY 5TH. ON MAY 6TH, WE THEN NOTIFIED THE  
7    EMPLOYEES--

8

9    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE CONTRACT WITH THE FIRM?

10

11    **ROGER GRANBO:** THE SECURITY FIRM. WE THEN NOTIFIED THE  
12    EMPLOYEES THAT WE NO LONGER HAD A CONTRACT WITH THEIR  
13    EMPLOYER.

14

15    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHEN IT COMES TO ALSO CHECKING THE  
16    VERACITY OF THE INFORMATION THAT'S BEEN PRESENTED, I ALSO  
17    WOULD LIKE YOU, NOW THAT WE HAVE THIS MOTION BEFORE US, WHICH  
18    I RECEIVED ABOUT 20 MINUTES AGO, THAT WE ALSO LOOK AT THIS  
19    MOTION AS WELL AS THE INFORMATION THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS  
20    PRESENTED IN THE CONTEXT OF WHAT HAS-- WHAT OUR OBLIGATIONS  
21    ARE, WHO OUR RELATIONSHIP IS WITH, SO THAT WE HAVE IT ALL IN  
22    ONE PLACE. BECAUSE THERE ARE ASSERTIONS IN THIS MOTION THAT  
23    ARE JUST NOT TRUE, AS WE'VE JUST DEMONSTRATED. AND IF WE HAD  
24    HIRED THE EMPLOYEES, IF THEY WERE OUR EMPLOYEES, PER SE, I  
25    SUSPECT YOU MIGHT HAVE A DIFFERENT OPINION.



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2 **ROGER GRANBO:** WE COULD PAY THEM AT THAT TIME.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE COULD PAY THEM. BUT WE DIDN'T HIRE THE  
5 EMPLOYEES. WE HIRED THE CONTRACT FIRM. ANYWAY, WE'LL DEAL WITH  
6 THIS NEXT WEEK. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE ALL THE  
7 INFORMATION. IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION AND  
8 HOPEFULLY WE CAN LET YOU ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS AT THAT TIME.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** POINT OF INFORMATION, MR. CHAIR, IF I MAY?  
11 WAS THERE REPRESENTATION THAT THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE MOTION  
12 THAT'S UNTRUE AND THAT THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED? DID I HEAR  
13 THAT JUST NOW?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WENT THROUGH IT. BUT I'LL CITE IT  
16 AGAIN. IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE FIRST PAGE. IT SAID THE  
17 FINANCIAL STATUS IS NO SECRET TO US AND WE CONTINUED TO HIRE  
18 THEM, REFERRING TO THE EMPLOYEES. WE DID NOT HIRE THE  
19 EMPLOYEES. WE HAD A CONTRACT FIRM, FIRM ON CONTRACT.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO IT IS REPRESENTED IN THE MOTION THAT  
22 SUCH IS THE CASE AND IT IS REPRESENTED BY COUNTY COUNSEL THAT  
23 HE DOESN'T THINK THAT THAT WAS THE CASE.

24



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK HE KNOWS IT IS NOT THE CASE. I THINK  
2   HE'S MADE THAT--

3

4   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU SAID I THINK. BUT I'M HEARING JUST A  
5   TAD BIT OF EQUIVOCATION THERE.

6

7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK THAT'S IN DISPUTE, SUPERVISOR.

8

9   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ON THE PART OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL. AND I  
10   THINK THEY'LL DO MORE TO--

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU CAN ASK THE C.E.O., AS WELL.

13

14   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT BEFORE WE SAY SOMETHING IS UNTRUE,  
15   WHICH IS KIND OF A STRONG STATEMENT, ARE WE NOT BEST SERVED BY  
16   SCRUBBING EVERY SINGLE ASPECT OF THESE DETAILS CAREFULLY SO  
17   THAT WE END UP IN THE RIGHT PLACE? I DON'T HAVE A NEED TO  
18   ASSERT THAT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD IS MAKING A STATEMENT OR  
19   PUTTING IN A MOTION--

20

21   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE MAKER OF THE MOTION SAID THERE WERE  
22   UNTRUE STATEMENTS. YOU SAID THERE WERE UNTRUE SOME OF THE  
23   THINGS THE COUNTY COUNSEL DID.

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN? IF I MAY? I JUST THINK IT'S  
2   ILL ADVISED TO ASSERT THAT PEOPLE HERE ARE MAKING UNTRUE  
3   STATEMENTS. I THINK WE ARE OBLIGED TO GET TO THE FACTS IN THIS  
4   INSTANCE. AND I'M HEARING A COUPLE THINGS THAT CONCERN ME: NEW  
5   INFORMATION THAT COUNTY COUNSEL SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF AND  
6   NEEDS TO LOOK AT IT TO SEE IF IT IN FACT HAS BEARING, ONE.  
7   AND, TWO, I'M HEARING A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT THINGS WITH  
8   RESPECT TO NOTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES, WHICH IN SOME INSTANCES  
9   MAY, IN FACT, HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR AFFIRMATIVELY ENGAGING IN  
10  TERMINATION OR BEING A PART OF THAT PROCESS. I SIMPLY WISH TO  
11  KNOW WITH A GREATER DEGREE OF CLARITY AND CERTAINTY RATHER  
12  THAN ASSERTIONS THAT OUGHT TO BE ACCEPTED ON FACE VALUE. NO,  
13  WE NEED TO DIG A LITTLE BIT DEEPER, MR. CHAIRMAN. I THINK IF  
14  WE WERE TO DO SO, WE WOULD END UP IN A PLACE THAT WE CAN FIND  
15  MOST DEFENSIBLE.

16

17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, COULD I JUST RESPOND TO THAT?

18

19   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, BRIEFLY. THIS IS GOING TO BE--  
20  WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS THIS AGAIN NEXT WEEK. SO WE DON'T NEED  
21  TO REGURGITATE EVERYTHING.

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WE DISCUSSED IT IN CLOSED SESSION LAST  
24  WEEK, AND THIS ISSUE, THIS VERY ISSUE OF THE CONTRACT OR



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1   VERSUS THE EMPLOYEES WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH LAST WEEK. NO ONE  
2   DISPUTED THAT FACT AT THE TIME. AND I THINK THAT MR. FUJIOKA--  
3

4   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DISPUTED WHAT?

5

6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I FINISH?

7

8   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M SEEKING CLARIFICATION. DIDN'T DISPUTED  
9   WHAT FACT?

10

11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DISPUTED THE FACT THAT WE HIRED THE  
12   CONTRACTOR, NOT THE EMPLOYEES. THAT CAME UP IN THE CLOSED--  
13   FORGET THE COUNTY COUNSEL, SINCE I GUESS IT'S PICK ON THE  
14   COUNTY COUNSEL DAY. CAN WE ASK YOU, MR. FUJIOKA? ARE YOU AWARE  
15   OF WHETHER WE HIRED THE CONTRACTOR OR HIRED THE INDIVIDUAL  
16   EMPLOYEES? MR. LIEBERMAN? I DON'T KNOW WHO IS THE CONTRACT  
17   ADMINISTRATOR HERE?

18

19   **SPEAKER:** I BELIEVE I CAN ANSWER THAT, SUPERVISOR. WE HAVE A  
20   CONTRACT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMPANY, NOT THE EMPLOYEES.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU HIRE THE EMPLOYEES AT ALL?

23

24   **SPEAKER:** NO, WE DO NOT.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID YOU FIRE THE EMPLOYEES?

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3    **SPEAKER:** DID YOU GIVE NOTICE TO THE EMPLOYEES?

4

5    **SPEAKER:** NO.

6

7    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL WAIT A MINUTE, THAT MEANS THE COUNTY

8    COUNSEL--

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK I HAVE THE FLOOR.

11

12   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THE COUNTY COUNSEL ASSERTED

13   SOMETHING.

14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DO HAVE A HABIT OF HAVING LETTING PEOPLE

16   ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS AND NOT INTERRUPTING THEM--

17

18   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND INTERRUPTING OTHER PEOPLE AND

19   DOMINATING THE DISCUSSION ,ALL OF THE ABOVE. NOW IF WE ARE

20   GOING TO TURN THE HEAT UP, LET'S TURN IT ALL THE WAY UP.

21

22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S TURN IT ALL THE WAY UP, THEN.

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PLEASE DO. WERE THERE ANY NOTIFICATIONS TO

25   EMPLOYEES?



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2 **SPEAKER:** THERE WAS A MEMO GENERATED BY MY OFFICE ON MAY THE  
3 SIXTH AND THAT WAS JUST NOTIFYING THEIR EMPLOYEES THAT I.S.I.  
4 WAS NO LONGER ABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE COUNTY AND THAT  
5 WE WOULD BE GOING TO A DIFFERENT CONTRACTOR. AND THAT WAS  
6 BASED ON INFORMATION WE OBTAINED FROM COUNTY COUNSEL FROM THE  
7 BANKRUPTCY COURT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT WAS NOT A NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF  
10 THE EMPLOYEES?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT. WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO ASK FOR EMPLOYEES  
13 THAT ARE UNDER COUNTY CONTRACT TO BE REASSIGNED TO ANOTHER ONE  
14 OF THE VENDORS' CONTRACTS. WE DO NOT TERMINATE THEM. HE HAS  
15 THE ABILITY TO ASSIGN THEM TO MAYBE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
16 FACILITY OR A PRIVATE, ANOTHER PRIVATE CONTRACT THAT HE HAS.  
17 WE DO NOT HIRE OR TERMINATE EMPLOYMENT WITH OTHER SECURITY  
18 GUARDS.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. MR. FUJIOKA, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING  
21 ON THE ISSUE OF WHETHER WE HIRE OR FIRED EMPLOYEES VERSUS THE  
22 CONTRACTOR?

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK MY COMMENTS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH  
25 OUR ACTING CHIEF JUST SAID. WITH THE CONTRACTOR, OUR



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1 RELATIONSHIP IS WITH THE ENTITY AND NOT WITH THE EMPLOYEES OF  
2 THE ENTITY.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, AGAIN, IT IS IMPORTANT TO  
9 LOOK AT ALL OF THE FACTS. AND CERTAINLY I DID. AND MR.  
10 LIEBERMAN, YOU CLEARLY IN YOUR MEMO, AND YOU SENT THIS TO ALL  
11 OF THE JUSTICE DEPUTIES, YOU WROTE A MEMO TO ALL OF US AND IT  
12 SAYS TO INFORM US THAT YOU'D LEARNED THAT THEY HAD FILED A  
13 CHAPTER 11 ON APRIL THE 27TH. AND YOU ALSO LEARNED ON THAT DAY  
14 THAT THESE EMPLOYEES HAD NOT BEEN PAID SINCE APRIL THE TENTH.  
15 AND THAT ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS HAD BEEN IN CONSULTATION. THIS  
16 IS YOUR MEMO I'M READING FROM WITH COUNTY COUNSEL REGARDING  
17 THIS MATTER. AND "FROM THE OPERATIONAL PERSPECTIVE, OUR  
18 CONTINGENCY PLANS SHOULD THE GUARDS NOT REPORT TO THEIR  
19 ASSIGNMENTS IS TO STAFF WITH SECURITY GUARDS FROM OTHER  
20 EXISTING CONTRACTS AND OFFICERS ON A PRIORITY BASIS." SO THEY  
21 WENT AHEAD AND UTILIZED AND KNEW FULL WELL THAT THEY WERE  
22 UTILIZING THESE PEOPLE, THEIR EMPLOYEES, AND THAT THEY WERE  
23 GOING TO BACK UP WITH OTHER SECURITY GUARDS FROM OTHER  
24 CONTRACTS. THEN AGAIN THEY WRITE A MEMO ON THE FIFTH TALKING  
25 ABOUT THAT THEY DID THEIR ASSESSMENT AND THAT 124 GUARDS AT 56



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1 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. AND AS OF 1:00, YOU KNEW THAT 26 OF THE  
2 124 HAD ABANDONED THEIR POST. SO YOU WERE STILL UTILIZING THE  
3 SERVICES OF THOSE SECURITY GUARDS AT THAT POINT IN TIME. AND  
4 THIS IS AGAIN FROM THE MEMOS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF COUNSEL. AND  
5 THEN AGAIN THERE WAS A LETTER, ANOTHER MEMO, THAT IS  
6 WEDNESDAY, MAY THE FIFTH, WHEREAS ACTING CHIEF LIEBERMAN  
7 REQUESTED THAT WE PROVIDE A MEMO OF A CONTRACT \_\_\_\_\_ AS THEY  
8 WERE RELIEVED OF DUTY TODAY." THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS. AND THEN ON  
9 MAY 6TH, YOU ISSUED THIS STATEMENT TO THEM RELIEVING THEM OF  
10 THAT DUTY ON THAT DAY. SO THERE IS AGAIN SOME KNOWLEDGE. THERE  
11 IS ALSO SOME UTILIZATION OF THEIR SERVICES. NOW, AGAIN, I AM  
12 JUST SAYING THAT WE SHOULD LOOK AT IT IN TOTAL. AND THAT WHEN  
13 WE DISMISS IT AND TRY AND SEPARATE OUR THINGS, "WELL IT WAS A  
14 CONTRACT SO WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT, IT WAS THIS" IN THE  
15 WORLD OF MADOFFS AND EVERYBODY ELSE AS TO WHY THINGS CAN'T  
16 HAPPEN CORRECTLY, I WANT TO KNOW WHY THE SIMPLICITY, THE  
17 SIMPLICITY OF SECURITY GUARDS THAT HONORED THEIR POST, THEY  
18 CAME TO WORK BECAUSE THEY HAD A DUTY, THEY HAD NOT BEEN  
19 INFORMED OTHERWISE, WE HAD A DUTY TO THEM, AS WELL. AND,  
20 AGAIN, IT'S NOT UNTIL MAY 6TH THAT WE TOOK ANY ACTION  
21 WHATSOEVER. SO I'M SAYING THAT WE HAD A DUTY. IT ISN'T A LIE.  
22 IT ISN'T MISINFORMATION. IT IS THE FACTS BASED ON THIS. BUT IF  
23 I HAVE TO RELY ON COUNTY COUNSEL TO PROVIDE THESE FACTS, I'M  
24 SURE THEY WILL NOT FIND THEM. THAT IS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR  
25 SOME OF US TO ALLOW SOME OF THESE LAWYERS TO KNOW THAT WE DO



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1 HAVE SOME OF THESE FACTS AND THEY HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITY  
2 HERE. I ASK THAT GENTLY LAST WEEK. AND INSTEAD YOU CHOSE TO DO  
3 OTHERWISE. IT'S A CONSTANT COVER UP AND ALL I'M SAYING THIS IS  
4 A VERY SIMPLE THING. THESE GUYS DON'T MAKE A WHOLE LOT OF  
5 MONEY. THE MOST THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY BE RESPONSIBLE IS LESS  
6 THAN \$100,000, I AM SURE. BUT INSTEAD, WE HAVE ALL THE REASONS  
7 WHY WE UP LIABILITY ALL THE TIME. WHY WE PAY LIABILITY BECAUSE  
8 OUR EMPLOYEES SCREWED UP SOMETHING SO LET'S NOT GO TO COURT  
9 BECAUSE WE WILL GET HUNG. IT'S A CONSTANT, CONSTANT ISSUE. AND  
10 ALL I AM SAYING IS THAT I ASK FOR A SIMPLE REQUEST. BUT,  
11 INSTEAD, YOU NEED TO READ THE LETTER OF THE LAW TO ME, WHICH  
12 YOU HAD ALREADY EXPLAINED TO US BEFOREHAND. I HAD ASKED YOU  
13 FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT. YOU CHOSE NOT TO DO IT. I'M BRINGING  
14 IT HERE BECAUSE I THINK IT'S A SIMPLE ISSUE OF EQUITY AND  
15 JUSTICE. THE FACTS ARE HERE. YOUR OFFICE, YOU'VE BEEN IN  
16 CONSULTATION. COUNTY COUNSEL WAS IN CONSULTATION WITH MR.  
17 LIEBERMAN. AND NOT UNTIL MAY 6TH WAS THAT ACTION TAKEN. IN THE  
18 MEANTIME, WE RELIED ON THOSE EMPLOYEES TO SHOW UP FOR WORK AND  
19 TO PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

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21 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, ONCE WE LEARNED OF THE  
22 PENDING BANKRUPTCY WAS I BELIEVE THE END OF APRIL, NOT THE  
23 BEGINNING OR MIDDLE OF APRIL. AND SECOND OF ALL, ONCE THE  
24 BANKRUPTCY HAS BEEN FILED, WE ARE NOT IN THE POSITION TO PAY--  
25 TO INTERFERE WITH THE BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS.





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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I NEVER ASKED YOU TO DO THAT, SIR.

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4 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** NO BUT YOU'RE INDICATING THAT WE CONTINUED TO  
5 EMPLOY THEM AND DID NOT DO ANYTHING UNTIL--

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DID NOT ASK FOR YOU TO DO THAT. I ASKED FOR A  
8 VERY SIMPLE THING. I ASKED FOR THAT INFORMATION.

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10 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** AND I BELIEVE THAT WE PROVIDED THAT TO YOU.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW YOU BELIEVED YOU PROVIDED IT. AND AT THE  
13 SAME TIME I KNOW ON AN ONGOING BASIS ON HOW MANY TIMES THINGS  
14 ARE SETTLED AROUND HERE FOR FEAR OF WHAT EXPOSURE WE WILL HAVE  
15 BECAUSE OF INFORMATION THAT WOULD COME OUT AS TO HOW WE  
16 OPERATE ON AN ONGOING BASIS, INCLUDING THE OFFICE OF COUNTY  
17 COUNSEL. NOW, BOB, YOU WEREN'T HERE DURING THAT TIME. BUT IT  
18 WAS CLEARLY SETTLED WHEN THERE WERE CERTAIN PEOPLE THAT HAD  
19 MORE INFORMATION THAT WAS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THEY KNEW AND  
20 DID NOT WANT TO COME OUT. NOW ALL I AM SAYING IN THIS  
21 INSTANCE, IN THIS INSTANCE, I WANTED TO FIND THE WAY THAT WE  
22 COULD WRITE THIS AS A LIABILITY AS IT'S DONE IN MANY, MANY  
23 INSTANCES. YOU CHOSE TO READ TO ME THE LETTER OF THE LAW. AND  
24 I APPRECIATE THAT. I APPRECIATE THAT. THERE'S NONE OF THAT.  
25 BUT WHEN AGAIN THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH SAYING "WE'RE NOT



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1 GOING TO BE ABLE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON THIS." INSTEAD YOU  
2 DISMISS THIS REQUEST. AND SO THAT IS MY ISSUE WITH OUR COUNTY  
3 COUNSEL. BUT I CAN MAKE A CASE CLEARLY, AS WELL, FROM MEMOS  
4 THAT ARE WRITTEN FROM MR. LIEBERMAN TO COUNTY COUNSEL AS TO  
5 WHAT TO DO IN THIS SITUATION, KNOWING ARE HAVING FULL  
6 KNOWLEDGE THAT THESE EMPLOYEES WERE SHOWING UP TO WORK. THEY  
7 HAD THAT INFORMATION. WE WERE UTILIZING THEIR SERVICES. THERE  
8 IS NO DOUBT--

9

10 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** WE HAD NO AUTHORITY TO TELL THEM NOT TO NOT  
11 SHOW UP TO WORK UNTIL THE CONTRACT WAS TAKEN TO BANKRUPTCY  
12 COURT AND WE WERE RELIEVED OF THE CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS,  
13 SUPERVISOR.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I UNDERSTAND THIS, AS WELL.

16

17 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** I THINK THIS IS A MATTER THAT IS APPROPRIATE  
18 FOR CLOSED SESSION, I REALLY DO.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** OF COURSE THAT'S ALWAYS WHERE IT'S APPROPRIATE.  
21 BUT ALL I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU IS THAT IN MY EFFORT AND ALL OF  
22 YOUR EFFORTS TO TELL ME THIS IS NOT TRUE, WE HAVE INFORMATION  
23 THAT WE RELIED ON THE SERVICES OF THESE SECURITY OFFICERS EVEN  
24 AFTER WE KNEW WE WERE PLUGGING IN THE HOLES FROM THE 25 THAT



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1 DIDN'T SHOW UP FOR WORK. WE KNEW THAT. WE HAVE THE  
2 INFORMATION.

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4 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** FOR THREE DAYS.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, I'M JUST TELLING YOU THAT NONE OF THIS HAS  
9 BEEN PRESENTED TO US IN CLOSED SESSION. NONE OF THIS HAS BEEN  
10 PRESENTED TO US. I'M PRESENTING IT IN PUBLIC SESSION BECAUSE  
11 IN CLOSED SESSION YOU WILL MAKE SURE THAT IT'S NOT PRESENTED.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S NOT TRUE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S MY ACCUSATION.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** COUNTY COUNSEL HAS ASSERTED WITH SOME  
18 CONSISTENCY WHICH HE HAS CONVENIENTLY CONTRADICTED AT A  
19 CERTAIN POINT THAT THIS SHOULD BE TAKEN UP IN CLOSED SESSION.  
20 MAY I SUGGEST THAT WE DO SO PURSUANT TO COUNTY COUNSEL'S  
21 SUGGESTION?

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I SUGGESTED THAT ABOUT A HALF HOUR AGO.

24



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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU DID. AND I'M HERE TO TRY TO REINFORCE  
2   THAT. NOW MR. KALUNIAN, IT'S OKAY IF WE DO THIS IN CLOSED  
3   SESSION?

4

5   **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, I AM NOT COMFORTABLE GIVING  
6   LEGAL ADVICE IN PUBLIC.

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8   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

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10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES OR NO?

11

12   **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** YES.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ENOUGH'S ENOUGH.  
15   ALL RIGHT. WE GET TO DO THIS AGAIN NEXT WEEK BECAUSE THE ITEM  
16   WILL BE ON THE AGENDA.

17

18   **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** WE GET TO DO IT ON CLOSED SESSION, TOO.

19

20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO WE'LL TURN UP THE HEAT AGAIN. BY THE  
21   TIME, IT'S GOING TO BE 90 DEGREES NEXT WEEK. ALL RIGHT.  
22   SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU STILL HAVE OTHER ITEMS?

23

24   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. THOSE ARE ALL MY ITEMS. AREN'T YOU HAPPY?

25   [LAUGHTER.]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO COMMENT. I WANT TO DISCUSS THAT IN  
3 CLOSED SESSION. NO, THAT WAS A JOKE. [LAUGHTER.] ALL RIGHT.  
4 THIRD DISTRICT? SECOND DISTRICT, EXCUSE ME. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
5 THOMAS?

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, AS I PROCEED, MR.  
8 YAROSLAVSKY MAKES A REQUEST OF YOU TO INTERRUPT ME. PERMISSION  
9 GRANTED, MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL CALL IT THE NEW KANYE WEST ACTION.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DON'T EVEN TRY IT, BABY. DON'T EVEN GO  
14 THERE. UH-UH. MY, MY, MY. WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU DID M.T.V.  
15 [LAUGHTER.] YOU JUST HAD TO REVEAL YOURSELF ON THE AIR.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU'D BE SURPRISED.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WE SHOULD REFER THAT TO CLOSED  
20 SESSION, TOO.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK SO, TOO. I THINK I'LL ABSENT  
23 MYSELF. LET ME READ IN THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MR.  
24 CHAIRMAN. AND THIS IS CO-AUTHORED BY BOTH CHAIRMAN KNABE AND  
25 MYSELF. IT'S THE IMPACT OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON THE 21ST



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1 CENTURY IN THE ECONOMY TAX PROPOSALS. YESTERDAY, THE  
2 COMMISSION ON THE 21ST CENTURY ECONOMY, MADE PUBLIC PROPOSALS  
3 INTENDED TO HELP REDUCE THE STATE'S DEPENDENCE ON INCOME TAX  
4 REVENUE, INCLUDING A FLATTENED INCOME TAX AND A BUSINESS LEVY,  
5 TO REPLACE EXISTING SALES IN CORPORATE TAXES. THE COMMISSION'S  
6 FINAL REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE DELIVERED TO LAWMAKERS THIS  
7 WEEKEND. THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
8 DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO REVIEW, ANALYZE AND  
9 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT ITS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 29 ON THE  
10 PROPOSALS MADE BY THE COMMISSION ON THE 21ST CENTURY ECONOMY  
11 FOR THEIR POTENTIAL IMPACT, IF ANY, ON THE COUNTY'S, FIRST,  
12 REVENUE, SECOND, OPERATIONS, INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS ON  
13 VENDORS, CONTRACTORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS; THREE, EMPLOYEES;  
14 AND, FINALLY, BUSINESS CLIMATE, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO  
15 JOB CREATION, ATTRACTION AND RETENTION, SMALL BUSINESS  
16 DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY AND IN POSITION ELIMINATION AND  
17 REDUCTION OF INCREASE OF TAX EXPENDITURES, THAT IS TAX  
18 CREDITS, EXCLUSIONS, EXEMPTIONS ON VARIOUS SECTORS. I SO MOVE.

19  
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SECOND.

21  
22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. KNABE. THE SECOND ITEM THAT  
23 I WANT TO READ IN, AND OBVIOUSLY, MEMBERS, WE GET THE  
24 SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT. THE MORE WE KNOW HOW TO  
25 APPROPRIATELY POSITION OURSELVES BASED ON COMMISSION



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1 RECOMMENDATIONS, THE BETTER WE CAN MANAGE THE RESOURCES FOR  
2 WHICH WE ARE RESPONSIBLE. THE SECOND ITEM IS ENVIRONMENTAL  
3 IMPACT ANALYSIS-- ALL RIGHT. THIS IS ITEM 30. AND THEN I WANT  
4 TO PROCEED WITH THIS PARTICULAR MOTION.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE CALLING UP, WHAT? ITEM 30?

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, SIR. 51, I'M SORRY.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I SHOW IT 30.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ITEM 51.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OH. 51.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH. IT'S COMING RIGHT NOW. PERHAPS THE  
17 C.E.O. CAN PROCEED WITH THE REPORT ON ITEM 51 AND THERE IS A  
18 MOTION I WISH TO READ IN, MR. CHAIRMAN.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WHO IS GOING TO GIVE THE REPORT ON  
21 ITEM 51?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** I WILL, CHAIRMAN.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.





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**SPEAKER:** WE WERE ASKED TO REVIEW THE SCHEDULE IN ORDER FOR THE  
M.L.K. PROJECTS, THE IN-PATIENT HOSPITAL AS WELL AS THE MULTI-  
SERVICE AMBULATORY CARE CENTER, TO REVIEW THE SCHEDULE TO  
ENSURE THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET THE SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS  
UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FINANCING  
OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE WERE LOOKING TO EMPLOY FOR THE MULTI-  
SERVICE AMBULATORY CARE CENTER. THE BONDS UNDER THE A.R.R.A.  
DO HAVE AN ISSUANCE DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 31ST, 2010. IN ORDER  
TO MEET THAT DEADLINE FOR THE M.A.C.C., WE REVIEWED THE  
SCHEDULE, FELT WE COULD MEET THE TIME REQUIREMENTS TO ISSUE  
THE BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, BUT BELIEVE WE NEED TO MOVE  
FORWARD IMMEDIATELY ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE  
M.A.C.C. AND THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE BALANCE OF THE CAMPUS. SO  
IN TERMS OF CRITICAL PATH ITEMS, WE'VE IDENTIFIED THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AS THE ITEM WE NEED TO MOVE  
FORWARD IMMEDIATELY ON.

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**SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MR. CHAIRMAN, MAY I?

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**SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

22

**SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PURSUANT TO THE REPORT OF THE C.E.O.'S  
OFFICE ON THIS MATTER, I WANT TO SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING: THAT  
BECAUSE ON THE EIGHTH, WE INSTRUCTED THE C.E.O. AND THE

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1 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON THEIR ACTIONS.  
2 THAT HAS BEEN DONE REGARDING THE M.A.C.C. AND THE A.R.R.A.  
3 BONDS MUST BE ISSUED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31. WE NOW KNOW  
4 THAT IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. FACTS CHECKED, DOUBLE CHECKED  
5 AND ET CETERA. AND BASED UPON THE ANALYSIS THAT HAS BEEN DONE  
6 BY D.P.W., THE BOARD I THINK SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BEGIN THE  
7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
8 MULTI-SERVICE AMBULATORY CARE CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO  
9 ENSURE TIMELY ISSUANCE OF THESE BONDS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT  
10 WE INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. TO IMMEDIATELY PROCEED WITH THE  
11 DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE M.L.K.  
12 M.A.C.C. AND A MASTER PLAN FOR THAT CAMPUS AS OUTLINED IN THE  
13 AUGUST 18TH, 2009 C.E.O. BOARD LETTER. I SO MOVE, MR.  
14 CHAIRMAN.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED AND SECONDED. ANY OBJECTION?  
17 OKAY. QUESTION?

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE PREAMBLE OF THE MOTION TALKS ABOUT THE  
20 M.A.C.C. REPLACEMENT PROJECT. THE MOTION ITSELF SAYS THE  
21 M.A.C.C. AND THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE CAMPUS. CAN YOU TELL ME  
22 WHAT YOU UNDERSTAND THIS TO BE?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** WE PROPOSE TO PROCEED WITH THE E.I.R. ON THE TWO-TIER  
25 BASIS, SUPERVISOR. THE FIRST TIER WOULD BE THE M.A.C.C.



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1 ITSELF. FOR THE NEW M.A.C.C., THE QUESTION THEN BECOMES WHAT  
2 TO DO WITH THE EXISTING M.A.C.C. BUILDING, WHICH WOULD BE  
3 SUBJECT TO A MASTER PLAN FOR THE BALANCE OF THE CAMPUS. AND  
4 THEY ARE LINKED BECAUSE OF THE EXISTING BUILDING AND THE NEW  
5 PROPOSED BUILDING.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THE ACTION WE TOOK LAST MONTH ON THE  
8 APPROVAL OF THE TERM SHEET FOR LACK OF A BETTER WORD FOR IT,  
9 ON THE U.C. AGREEMENT SAID THAT-- HAD A PROVISION THAT  
10 EXPENDITURES WOULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL WE HAD A DEAL WITH THE  
11 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. I THINK IT WAS COMPREHENSIVE. AND I  
12 UNDERSTAND THE M.A.C.C. ISSUE. BUT THIS MASTER PLAN SUGGESTS  
13 TO ME THAT IT ALSO INCLUDES THE NEW HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT  
14 PROJECT, DOES IT NOT?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THE HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT IS MOVING UNDER--  
17 WOULD MOVE FORWARD UNDER AN EXEMPTION BECAUSE WE'RE WITHIN AN  
18 EXISTING SHELVE-- UNDER AN EXISTING BUILDING.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** A C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTION?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT. THE NEW M.A.C.C. DOES REQUIRE A NEW E.I.R.  
23 BECAUSE IT IS AN ADDITIONAL BUILDING, NEW CONSTRUCTION. AND  
24 THE MASTER PLAN, WHICH WE DESCRIBED IN THE AUGUST 18TH REPORT,  
25 WAS FOR THE-- REALLY, TO BRING BACK RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE



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1 BOARD OF WHAT TO DO WITH THE EXISTING M.A.C.C. BUILDING THAT  
2 WOULD BE VACATED IN FAVOR OF THE NEW BUILDING AND THE BALANCE  
3 OF THE CAMPUS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE BALANCE OF THE CAMPUS INCLUDES THE NEW  
6 HOSPITAL? EXCEPT THAT'S EXEMPT, YOU SAY.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXEMPT.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** THE NEW HOSPITAL WOULD ALREADY BE THERE. BUT IF WE  
11 FIND, IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO ABANDON THE EXISTING HOSPITAL OR  
12 DEMOLISH THE EXISTING M.A.C.C. BUILDING, PARDON ME, THEN YOU  
13 HAVE A LARGE SPACE IN ORDER TO-- FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. I  
14 MEAN, THAT'S A 500,000 SQUARE-FOOT BUILDING IN THE EXISTING  
15 M.A.C.C. SO THE MASTER PLAN, WHICH WAS CONTEMPLATED IN THE  
16 AUGUST 18TH ACTION, DOES INCLUDE A MASTER PLAN FOR THE FUTURE  
17 USE OF THAT AREA, WHICH SUPPORTS THE EXISTING M.A.C.C.  
18 BUILDING RIGHT NOW.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THIS IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
21 FOR THE MASTER PLAN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WILL REFLECT THE NEW  
24 PROPOSED M.A.C.C. AND THE MASTER PLAN, AS WELL.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THE MASTER PLAN BEING DONE NOW?

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3    **SPEAKER:** THEY WILL MOVE CONCURRENTLY.

4

5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IS THE MASTER PLAN BEING DONE IN HOUSE  
6    OR IS IT BEING DONE IN-HOUSE OR WITH A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR?

7

8    **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR. WE WILL BE RELEASING AN  
9    R.F.P. WHICH WE WILL BRING BACK TO THE BOARD.

10

11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN DO YOU EXPECT IT TO COME BACK TO THE  
12   BOARD?

13

14   **SPEAKER:** IN THE NEXT COUPLE MONTHS.

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16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THIS IS AUTHORIZING ON THE MASTER PLAN  
17   PIECE OF THIS, THIS IS AUTHORIZING, DOING AN E.I.R. ON  
18   SOMETHING THAT IS STILL A COUPLE OF MONTHS AWAY FROM  
19   COMMENCING?

20

21   **SPEAKER:** THE MASTER PLAN ITSELF WILL COMMENCE IN THE FUTURE.  
22   THE NEXT COMING TWO MONTHS OR SO. WE WOULD START THE E.I.R.  
23   PORTION ON THE FIRST TIER WHICH IS THE PROPOSED M.A.C.C. COME  
24   BACK TO THE BOARD, AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE MASTER PLAN, COME



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1 BACK AGAIN IN 2010 WITH THE E.I.R. AND THE MASTER PLAN  
2 TOGETHER.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COME BACK IN 2010 WITH THE E.I.R. OR WITH  
5 THE CONTRACT FOR THE E.I.R.?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** WE'LL COME BACK IN TWO MONTHS WITH THE CONTRACT FOR  
8 THE MASTER PLAN. THE AUGUST 18TH RECOMMENDATIONS

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN YOU SAY CONTRACT FOR THE MASTER PLAN,  
11 DO YOU MEAN FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT OR THE  
12 DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THERE'S TWO SEPARATE CONTRACTS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THE FIRST FOR THE E.I.R., THE SECOND FOR THE MASTER  
19 PLANNING FIRM. THE AUGUST 18TH RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED A  
20 RECOMMENDATION FOR A CONTRACT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
21 REPORT. THAT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WOULD ENTAIL THE NEW  
22 M.A.C.C. AS WELL AS THE MASTER PLAN. WE'LL BE RETURNING TO THE  
23 BOARD IN THE NEXT COUPLE MONTHS WITH A FIRM RECOMMENDATION FOR  
24 THE MASTER PLANNER, FOR THE MASTER CAMPUS PLAN. IN 2010, WE'LL  
25 COME BACK WITH THE MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL AS AN



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1 E.I.R. WHICH COVERS BOTH THE NEW PROPOSED M.A.C.C. AND THE  
2 MASTER CAMPUS PLAN.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF  
9 THE ITEM. I THINK WE ALL HAVE AN INCREASING DEGREE OF  
10 APPRECIATION FOR THE NEED FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE  
11 APPROPRIATE SPEED, FOR THE LACK OF A BETTER CHOICE OF WORDS.  
12 IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE ARE TO MEET THE PROJECTED DATE OF A 2012  
13 OPENING, THE LATTER PART OF THE YEAR, 2012, WE CAN HARDLY  
14 AFFORD DELAY. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE ARE TO RUSH IN A WAY  
15 THAT IS IMPRUDENT, BUT THE REASON FOR LAST WEEK'S MOTION WAS  
16 TO CAUSE THE STAFF BOTH IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND THE  
17 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO COME BACK WITH A DELINEATION OF  
18 THE DEADLINES THAT MUST BE MET IN ORDER FOR US TO TAKE  
19 ADVANTAGE OF A.R.R.A. FUNDS, IN PART. SO THAT'S A SIGNIFICANT  
20 DEADLINE. BUT THE OTHER DEADLINE THAT I THINK WE OUGHT TO BE  
21 MINDFUL OF IS THAT OF MAKING SURE THAT WE DELIVER A PROJECT ON  
22 TIME PURSUANT TO OUR COMMITMENT. AND SO I THINK WE ARE WELL  
23 WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRUDENCE AS WELL AS PROPRIETY AS IT  
24 RELATES TO MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS PARTICULAR PIECE OF THE  
25 PUZZLE AND THE MASTER PLANNING PROCESS IS VERY IMPORTANT. WHY?





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1 IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAVING RESOURCES AND  
2 BUILDING SMART. AND I THINK WE HAVE TO DO THAT AND DO IT  
3 INCREASINGLY IN AN EFFECTIVE WAY SO THAT WE ARE ULTIMATELY  
4 SEEN AS GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PUBLIC FUNDS THAT ARE AT OUR  
5 DISPOSAL. AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, PROVIDING IN A MORE  
6 AGGRESSIVE WAY QUALITY HEALTH SERVICES, WHICH I KNOW IS THE  
7 FULL INTENT OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD. MR. CHAIRMAN, I  
8 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THESE COMMENTS AND HOPE  
9 THAT WE CAN DISPOSE OF THE MATTER ACCORDINGLY.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.  
12 ANY OBJECTIONS? SO ORDERED.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. AND MY FINAL ITEM, MR.  
15 CHAIRMAN, IS REGARDING A MATTER THAT ALL OF US ARE CONCERNED  
16 ABOUT. AND IT WAS ON MAY THE 20TH OF LAST YEAR THAT THE BOARD  
17 CONSIDERED AN ISSUE THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF JUVENILE  
18 PROBATIONERS-- MR. CHAIRMAN, PERHAPS THE SERGEANT CAN HELP  
19 LOWER THE VOLUME IN THE ROOM SO THAT ALL OF US CAN HEAR EACH  
20 OTHER.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MR. WHEATCROFT?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE NUMBER OF JUVENILE PROBATIONERS WERE  
25 ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE AFTER BEING PLACED IN GROUP HOMES BY THE



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1 PROBATION DEPARTMENT ITSELF. THE RATE OF A.W.O.L. MINORS FOR  
2 SUCH PLACEMENT WAS THEN THOUGHT TO BE AT AN UNPRECEDENTED, OR  
3 LET US SAY AN UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL. THE BOARD WAS ALSO CONCERNED  
4 THAT MINORS WHO WERE A.W.O.L. POSED A SAFETY RISK TO  
5 THEMSELVES AS WAS ILLUSTRATED BY A MINOR WHO WAS FOUND DEAD ON  
6 THE EIGHTH OF MAY OF LAST YEAR WHILE A.W.O.L. FOR 10 DAYS FROM  
7 A SUITABLE PLACEMENT ORDER. THE BOARD WAS FURTHER CONCERNED  
8 THAT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT DID NOT ESTABLISH A DEDICATED  
9 UNIT TO CONSISTENTLY LOCATE MINORS WHO WERE ON A.W.O.L. STATUS  
10 FROM GROUP HOMES OR WHO WERE ON BENCH WARRANT STATUS IN THE  
11 COMMUNITY. AND AS A RESULT OF THAT, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY  
12 ADOPTED A MOTION TO EXAMINE THOSE ABOVE STATED ISSUES. THE  
13 BOARD DIRECTED THE C.E.O. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CHIEF  
14 PROBATION OFFICE TO ACCOMPLISH SEVERAL THINGS: CONDUCT A  
15 COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF EXISTING A.W.O.L. POLICY. SECONDLY  
16 TO WORK WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY--  
17 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PERFORM A REVIEW OF THE  
18 EXISTING D.C.F.S. RUN AWAY ADOLESCENTS PROGRAM POLICY  
19 SERVICES; TO INSTRUCT STREET C.E.O. TO WORK IN CONCERT WITH  
20 COUNTY COUNSEL THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,  
21 THE CORONER AND THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE AND  
22 NEGLECT TO INCORPORATE AND REPLICATE D.C.F.S.'S PROCESSES AND  
23 NOTIFICATION REGARDING DEATHS AND THE LIKE. THE PROBATION  
24 DEPARTMENT, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, HAS SINCE IMPLEMENTED  
25 THE FIRST PHASE OF THIS EFFORT, PROBATION CASE MANAGEMENT



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1 SYSTEM, P.C.M.S., WHICH CONSOLIDATE A NUMBER OF DATABASES AND  
2 THE LIKE. THIS WORK AT THIS POINT IS INCOMPLETE. AND, YET, WE  
3 HAVE CONTINUED ISSUES OF CONCERN. MAY I THEN MOVE THAT WE  
4 INSTRUCT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IN CONCERT WITH THE  
5 DEVELOPMENT OF-- IN CONCERT WITH THE CHIEF OF THE PROBATION  
6 DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE A WRITTEN REPORT WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS  
7 TO DO THE FOLLOWING: A STATUS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
8 DEPARTMENT'S CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND THE ABILITY TO TRACK  
9 A.W.O.L.S AND BENCH WARRANTS THROUGH THIS NEW SYSTEM.  
10 ADDITIONALLY, WHAT ABOUT UTILIZING THE DATA FROM THE NEW  
11 SYSTEM, SUMMARY REPORTS CAN IN FACT BE GENERATED FOR THE  
12 BOARD'S INFORMATION AND REVIEW. THIRDLY, WHETHER BY UTILIZING  
13 DATA FROM P.C.M.S., DETAILED REPORTS CAN BE GENERATED TO  
14 IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF YOUTH ON BENCH WARRANTS. AND, FINALLY,  
15 IN ADDITION TO ANOTHER POINT THAT MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT WE DIRECT  
16 THE LEAD ATTORNEY WITH CHILDREN'S SPECIAL UNIT TO INCLUDE IN  
17 HER CONFIDENTIAL REPORT TO THE BOARD THE RESULTS OF AN  
18 INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF LASHAWN S., A CHILD UNDER THE  
19 JURISDICTION OF THE C.F.S. PURSUANT TO THE MOTION APPROVED BY  
20 THE BOARD ON AUGUST 18TH AND TO INCLUDE ANY INFORMATION  
21 CONCERNING ALL POSSIBLE CONTACT THIS CHILD MAY HAVE HAD WITH  
22 PROBATION AND/OR ANY OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITY.

23  
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IN YOUR INTERPRETATION OF-- I  
25 MEAN--



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** REPORT BACK.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** REPORT BACK. BUT ALSO THAT THESE CASES  
5 BE REPORTED IN CLOSED SESSION?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXACTLY, CONSISTENT WITH THE ORDINARY  
8 PROCEDURE AND PRACTICE THAT THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR, WHO WE  
9 JUST PUT INTO PLACE, WOULD FOLLOW HER ORDINARY PROCEDURE BUT  
10 ADD THIS TO THEIR LIST.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ARE WE OKAY, MR. CHAIRMAN?

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I JUST-- OBVIOUSLY I THINK THE IMPORTANT  
17 PART OF THESE IS, WE CAN'T LET THESE INVESTIGATIONS BE DRIVEN  
18 BY THE MEDIA.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT. ABSOLUTELY.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BECAUSE THAT'S A REPORT BACK. SO WE CAN  
23 ACT ON THAT TODAY, IS THAT CORRECT?

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25 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** YES. REPORT BACK.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL SECOND IT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
3 ORDERED.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. AND FINALLY ITEM NO. 25 IS THE  
6 NORMANDIE SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT, MR. CHAIRMAN? IT'S A 62-UNIT  
7 MULTI-FAMILY RENTAL DEVELOPMENT. THREE-STORY APARTMENT  
8 BUILDING COMPRISED OF 55 ONE-BEDROOM UNITS AND 7 TWO-BEDROOM  
9 UNITS. I WANTED TO SAY THAT THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING PROJECT. IT  
10 PROMOTED URBAN INFILL AND MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT. THE UNITS  
11 THEMSELVES WILL BE RESERVED FOR SENIORS AT VARIOUS LOW INCOME  
12 LEVELS, INCLUDING THOSE THINGS THAT MAKE IT EMINENTLY  
13 AFFORDABLE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE WEST ACTON COMMUNITY. I'D  
14 LIKE TO COMMEND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THEIR PROGRESSIVE  
15 EFFORTS IN PUTTING TOGETHER A PACKAGE, MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
16 COLLEAGUES, THAT CREATES AN APPROPRIATE FINANCING STRUCTURE  
17 AND INCENTIVES TO MEET A PRESSING NEED, A CLEARLY PRESSING  
18 NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR OUR LOW INCOME POPULATION. AND  
19 THIS WILL STAND AS A HIGH MARK, A HIGH WATER MARK, THAT IS, IN  
20 TERMS OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND DEVELOPING SUCH  
21 PROJECTS. AND I THOUGHT IT WAS WORTH OUR CALLING IT FORWARD SO  
22 THAT WE CAN GIVE APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO THOSE  
23 DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY FAMILY THAT WHEN THEY DO THEIR WORK  
24 AND DO IT WELL. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SO ARE YOU MOVING THE ITEM?

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3    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES. PER YOUR REQUEST AND INSTRUCTIONS,  
4    MR. CHAIRMAN.

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6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO MOVED. THE CHAIR WILL  
7    SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND IF YOU WOULD INDICATE IF IT'S TIME?

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11    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S TIME. DO YOU HAVE ADJOURNMENTS?

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13    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES.

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15    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

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17    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. I BEGIN WITH ALVIN "SKIP"  
18    MILLER. SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO RECENTLY PASSED, BORN IN  
19    THE NORTHEAST, THE BRONX IN 1946. MR. MILLER GRADUATED FROM  
20    OSTRAND UNIVERSITY AND WAS DRAFTED BY THE OAKLAND RAIDERS. HE  
21    WAS CALLED TO SERVE IN THE VIETNAM WAR BEFORE PLAYING FOR THE  
22    RAIDERS AND SUBSEQUENTLY PURSUED A MUSIC CAREER IN THE GREAT  
23    STATE OF CALIFORNIA WHERE HE ULTIMATELY BECAME PRESIDENT OF  
24    MOTOWN RECORDS. MR. MILLER SERVED ON THE AMERICAN CANCER  
25    SOCIETY, ON THE RECORDING ACADEMY BOARDS, ACTIVELY VOLUNTEERED



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1 FOR PROJECT ANGEL FOOD AND WAS A DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE ST.  
2 AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS  
3 COMPASSION, HIS NURTURING SPIRIT AND HIS GREAT MENTORSHIP. HE  
4 LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE KAREN, HIS SONS JUSTIN  
5 AND DOMINIQUE, HIS MOTHER SYBIL, HIS BROTHERS, JAY AND  
6 MICHAEL, AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. IRVING L. TAYLOR,  
7 LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF CARSON, BORN IN 1923. MR.  
8 TAYLOR WAS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR SOME 32 YEARS BEFORE HIS  
9 RETIREMENT. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE COUNTY MECHANICAL  
10 DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY KNOWN AS INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. AS  
11 A SECURITY GUARD, HE SERVED AS A GUARD FOR THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF  
12 THE BUILDING HERE AND LATER BECAME THE DRIVER FOR THE LATE  
13 KENNETH HAHN UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1985.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'D LIKE TO BE--

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY, HIS WIFE  
18 RUBY, JOYCE TAYLOR, AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND I'M  
19 DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE CHAIRMAN JOIN IN THIS ADJOURNING MOTION.  
20 AND FINALLY ONE OF GREAT NOTE TO ALL OF US. GERTRUDE BANES,  
21 HISTORY MAKER. SOME OF YOU MAY RECALL IT WAS JUST A FEW MONTHS  
22 AGO THAT I HAD THE OCCASION OF VISITING HER AS SHE CELEBRATED  
23 HER 115TH BIRTHDAY. SHE PASSED ON SEPTEMBER 9. SHE WAS MOST  
24 RECENTLY NOTED AS THE WORLD'S OLDEST PERSON. SHE WAS BORN IN  
25 SHELMAN, GEORGIA, ON APRIL THE FOURTH, 1894. AND SHE SAW THE





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1 MANY CHANGES THAT THE WORLD HAD UNDERGONE OVER THE LAST  
2 CENTURY. AND SHE TOOK GREAT PRIDE IN A NUMBER OF THOSE EVENTS,  
3 NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH WAS THE OCCASION ON WHICH SHE COULD  
4 VOTE FOR BARACK OBAMA AS PRESIDENT. AND AFTER BEING BORN AT A  
5 TIME WHEN CITIZENS OF HER DEMOGRAPHIC COULD NOT DO SO, THIS  
6 WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT IN HER LIFE. AFTER LIVING IN OHIO  
7 FOR A TIME AND WORKING AS A MAID AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY,  
8 SHE SETTLED IN CALIFORNIA WHERE SHE LIVED FOR THE REST OF HER  
9 LIFE. SHE LIVED IN THE WESTERN CONVALESCENT HOME IN THE SECOND  
10 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT ON ADAMS BOULEVARD. AND THERE FROM THE  
11 AGE OF 107 UNTIL HER PASSING JUST A FEW DAYS AGO. MR. CHAIRMAN  
12 AND COLLEAGUES, GERTRUDE BANES.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. OKAY. SUPERVISOR  
15 YAROSLAVSKY?

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNING MOTIONS. FIRST OF  
18 ALL, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DR. ALFRED  
19 GOTTSCHALK DR. GOTTSCHALK, WAS A LEADER OF REFORMED JUDAISM  
20 WHO ORDAINED THE FIRST AMERICAN WOMAN RABBI AND HEADED THE  
21 HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION FOR THREE  
22 DECADES. HE PASSED AWAY RECENTLY IN CINCINNATI AT THE AGE OF  
23 79. HE WAS AN ESCAPEE OF THE HOLOCAUST. CAME TO THIS COUNTRY.  
24 HELPED FOUND THE JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION. EXPANDED IT TO  
25 HAVE CAMPUSES IN LOS ANGELES AND NEW YORK AND JERUSALEM, AND



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1 HAD A PROFOUND IMPACT ON REFORMED JUDAISM AND JEWISH LIFE IN  
2 THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD. SPENT QUITE A BIT OF  
3 TIME HERE IN LOS ANGELES WHEN HE HEADED UP THE HEBREW UNION  
4 COLLEGE U.S.C. CAMPUS WHICH HE HELPED ESTABLISH AT THAT  
5 LOCATION. AND HE WAS A GENUINELY GOOD HUMAN BEING. HE PASSED  
6 AWAY AT TOO YOUNG AN AGE. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
7 LARRY GELBART, DIED A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO, THE AWARD-WINNING  
8 COMEDY WRITER WHO CREATED THE T.V. SERIES "M.A.S.H." CO-WROTE  
9 THE BOOK FOR THE BROADWAY HIT MUSICAL, "A FUNNY THING HAPPENED  
10 ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM CO-WROTE THE FILM "TOOTSIE," AMONG  
11 MANY OTHERS. DIED IN BEVERLY HILLS AT THE AGE OF 81 AFTER A  
12 SHORT BATTLE WITH CANCER. ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
13 J. LLOYD JACOBS SR., A LONG TIME BUSINESS OWNER IN SANTA  
14 MONICA AND VENICE. DIED AT THE AGE OF 88. HE WAS A 46-YEAR  
15 RESIDENT OF SANTA MONICA AND A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF SANTA  
16 MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH AND ALSO AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF ST.  
17 ANNE'S MELKITE CHURCH IN EL SEGUNDO. HE SERVED IN THE NAVY  
18 DURING WORLD WAR II AND THE KOREAN WAR. HE WAS AN ACTIVE  
19 MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY, INVOLVED WITH THE SANTA MONICA  
20 KIWANIS CLUB, SANTA MONICA ELKS AMONG OTHERS AND HE IS  
21 SURVIVED BY HIS SON EDDIE AND HIS SON LLOYD JACOBS, JR. BY THE  
22 WAY, ALFRED GOTTSCHALK IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DEANA  
23 GOTTSCHALK, HIS SON MARK GOTTSCHALK AND DAUGHTER RACHEL  
24 BRENNER, AND STEPSONS CHARLES FRANK AND ANDREW FRANK. AND  
25 LARRY GELBART IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE PAT GELBART, HIS SON



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1 ADAM GELBART AND HIS DAUGHTER BECKY GELBART AND HIS  
2 STEPCHILDREN, GARY AND PAUL MARKOWITZ. ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
3 MEMORY OF ALBERT GORDON, AN ATTORNEY WHO CHAMPIONED THE CAUSE  
4 OF GAY RIGHTS BY SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGING DISCRIMINATORY  
5 PRACTICES AND LAWS IN CALIFORNIA, WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF 94.  
6 HE WAS BORN IN PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA BUT WAS RAISED HERE IN  
7 LOS ANGELES WHERE HIS FAMILY HAD MOVED WHEN HE WAS STILL AN  
8 INFANT. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS AN EFFICIENCY ENGINEER WITH  
9 LOCKHEED, BUT AFTER BEING FIRED FOR PRO UNION ACTIVITIES  
10 LAUNCHED A JANITORIAL SERVICE AND RAN IT WITH HIS WIFE OF 15  
11 YEARS BEFORE CHANGING CAREERS AGAIN IN HIS LATE 40S AND  
12 BECOMING A LAWYER. HE'S A PARENT OF TWIN GAY SONS. HE  
13 EVENTUALLY TOOK UP THE CAUSE OF GAY RIGHTS AS A RESULT OF  
14 PAINFUL PERSONAL AWAKENING AFTER ONE OF HIS TWIN SONS WAS  
15 ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH SOLICITATION. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
16 SECOND WIFE PEARL AND ONE SON HAROLD. GEORGE PLAT, A LONG TIME  
17 RESIDENT OF STUDIO CITY WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
18 89 AFTER A LENGTHY STRUGGLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE. BORN IN  
19 NEW YORK, HE EARNED A CHEMICAL ENGINEERING DEGREE FROM THE  
20 CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK AND TOOK A JOB AT EDWARDS ARSENAL  
21 BEFORE BEING RECRUITED IN WORLD WAR II FOR THE MANHATTAN  
22 PROJECT IN OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE. AFTER THE WAR HE RELOCATED  
23 WITH HIS FAMILY IN LOS ANGELES WHERE HE JOINED BECHTEL  
24 CORPORATION, WORKING ON SAN ONOFRE AND OTHER POWER PLANTS AND  
25 BECOMING A RESPECTED CHEMICAL AND INSTRUMENT ENGINEER UNTIL



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1 RETIRING IN 1985. HE CHAIRED THE INSTRUMENT SOCIETY OF  
2 AMERICA'S STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMITTEE AND WROTE SEVERAL  
3 ENGINEERING BOOKS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SARAH, THREE  
4 CHILDREN, DONALD, JUDITH AND JANE, THREE GRANDCHILDREN,  
5 MELISSA, STEVEN AND AVIANA. FINALLY ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
6 ARMY ARCHERD, LONG-TIME DAILY ENTERTAINMENT COLUMNIST FOR MORE  
7 THAN 50 YEARS WHOSE NUMEROUS CELEBRITY SCOOPS INCLUDED-- WELL,  
8 I WON'T GO INTO ALL OF THEM. JUST SAY HE HAD A LOT OF SCOOPS.  
9 BECAME VERY WELL KNOWN TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AS ONE OF THE  
10 PRE-EMINENT INTERVIEWERS OF THE RED CARPET AT THE VARIOUS  
11 AWARD CEREMONIES. IN 1945, AFTER WORLD WAR II, A.P.  
12 ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER BOB THOMAS GAVE ARMY ARCHERD HIS FIRST  
13 PROFESSIONAL BREAK, HIRING HIM AS A LEG MAN TO GET HIM  
14 MATERIAL FOR THOMAS' COLUMN. AND THE REST IS HISTORY. HE WAS A  
15 CONSTITUENT OF MINE FOR 34 YEARS. LIVED IN WESTWOOD. AND HE  
16 WILL BE MISSED BY HIS INDUSTRY, WITHOUT QUESTION. MR. ARCHERD  
17 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SELMA, SON EVAN AND TWO STEPSONS,  
18 RICHARD ROSENBLUM AND JAMES ROSENBLUM AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN,  
19 AND A DAUGHTER, MANDY VOLK, PREDECEASED HIM. ALL MEMBERS.  
20 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS. OH, ONE MORE, MR. CHAIRMAN.  
21 WE ALL LEARNED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON OF THE PASSING OF PATRICK  
22 SWAYZE. GREAT ACTOR AND CLASSICALLY TRAINED DANCER WHOSE ROLE  
23 IN THE ENDURINGLY POPULAR REALLY WONDERFUL MOVIE "DIRTY  
24 DANCING" MADE HIM A MOVIE STAR, ONE WHO STRUGGLED WITH  
25 ALIENATION, OF FAME AND AGAINST BEING TYPE CASTED A LEADING



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1 MAN FOR ALL OF HIS MANY YEARS, SEVERAL DECADES IN THE MOVIE  
2 INDUSTRY. HE PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY AT THE AGE OF 57 FOLLOWING  
3 A BATTLE WITH PANCREATIC CANCER. IN ADDITION TO HIS ROLE IN  
4 "DIRTY DANCING", HE WAS PROBABLY BEST KNOWN INFORM HIS LEADING  
5 ROLES IN "GHOST" AND "ROADHOUSE". OF COURSE HE HAD MANY OTHER  
6 ROLES, AS WELL IN MOVIES AND IN TELEVISION. I ASK THAT ALL  
7 MEMBERS ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. I'LL BEGIN  
10 WITH SAYING ALL MEMBERS.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON, MR. CHAIR, I'M SORRY. GIVE ME ONE  
13 SECOND HERE. OH, YES, THANK YOU. I HELD ITEM 12. WHAT I WANTED  
14 TO DO WAS TO SEPARATE OUT THE REAL ESTATE PORTIONS OF THESE  
15 EXTENSIONS AND CONTINUE THEM ONE WEEK. THE REAL ESTATE  
16 MANAGEMENT COMMISSION IS MEETING TOMORROW. AND I THINK AT THE  
17 SUGGESTION OF SOME FOLKS AT THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND MY OFFICE,  
18 I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE WHAT'S IT CALLED, THE REAL  
19 ESTATE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE SAVINGS  
20 BEING PROJECTED FOR THESE CONTRACTS, THESE LEASES TO SEE HOW  
21 THEY FARE IN THE MARKETPLACE. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT THE PORTION  
22 OF THIS ITEM 12 THAT DEALS WITH THE REAL ESTATE LEASES BE  
23 CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK AND ASK TO IMMEDIATELY GET THE MESSAGE  
24 TO THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION WHICH MEETS TOMORROW TO TAKE A



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1 LOOK AT THIS AND EVALUATE IT. I DON'T THINK IT DOES ANY DAMAGE  
2 TO ANYBODY.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ON THAT ITEM I'LL SECOND THAT  
5 PIECE. WE WILL CONTINUE THE REAL ESTATE PIECE FOR ONE WEEK,  
6 APPROVE THE OTHERS. SO ORDERED.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK I'M HOLDING ANYTHING ELSE.  
9 THAT'S IT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MEMBERS, I WOULD ASK THAT ALL  
12 MEMBERS JOIN IN THIS ADJOURNMENT IN THE MEMORY OF A GOOD  
13 FRIEND, LONG TIME FRIEND, FRANK VICENCIA, FORMER SPEAKER PRO  
14 TEM OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY, LONG TIME ARTESIA AND  
15 BELLFLOWER RESIDENT PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 9TH AT THE AGE OF  
16 78 AFTER A BATTLE WITH CANCER. FRANK WAS BORN IN ARTESIA IN  
17 1931 AND SERVED IN THE ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR. IN 1957 HE  
18 ESTABLISHED A DAIRY SUPPLY BUSINESS. AND IN 1964 BECAME  
19 GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCERS' COUNCIL. IN  
20 1967 FRANK BECAME A LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE FOR SEVERAL  
21 CLIENTS INCLUDING THE CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCERS, SOUTHERN  
22 CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT, AND THE CALIFORNIA  
23 THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION. IN 1974 HE WAS ELECTED TO  
24 THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE REPRESENTING THE 54TH  
25 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. HE WAS RE-ELECTED TO SIX CONSECUTIVE TERMS





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1 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1986. IN 1982, HE WAS UNANIMOUSLY  
2 ELECTED BY HIS COLLEAGUES TO THE POSITION OF SPEAKER PRO TEM.  
3 FRANK IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LILLY, HIS CHILDREN STEVE,  
4 MICHELLE, JONDEL, DAVID MICHAEL AND LAURA AND GRANDCHILDREN.  
5 GREAT GUY. ALL MEMBERS. YEP. GREAT GUY. GREAT FRIEND. HE WILL  
6 BE MISSED BY ALL OF US. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ELROSE  
7 LAPLANTE, PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY IN HER HOME IN DOWNEY AT THE  
8 AGE OF 90 ON SEPTEMBER 7TH. SHE GRADUATED FROM MANUAL ARTS  
9 HIGH SCHOOL HERE IN LOS ANGELES. SHE WORKED FOR MANY DIFFERENT  
10 BUSINESSES OVER THE YEARS, RETIRING FROM THE STEVEDORE  
11 SERVICES OF AMERICA IN 1990. SHE IS THE MOTHER OF DONALD  
12 LAPLANTE, A BOARD MEMBER OF DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.  
13 SURVIVED BY HER SON DONALD SANDERS, SON IN LAW JEFFREY AND  
14 GRANDSON SCOTT. FINALLY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY NELL  
15 LAWRENCE, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH PASSED AWAY  
16 RECENTLY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 64. SHE MOVED TO LONG BEACH IN  
17 1969 AND RAISED HER FAMILY WITH HER LATE HUSBAND DYMUS. SHE  
18 WAS A GRADUATE OF LONG BEACH CITY AND CAL STATE LONG BEACH. A  
19 REALTOR WITH COLDWELL BANKER. SHE WAS VERY INVOLVED WITH MANY  
20 ORGANIZATIONS IN LONG BEACH, THE CHILDREN'S CIRCLE OF CARE AT  
21 ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER, LONG BEACH DAY NURSERY AND THE  
22 N.A.A.C.P., TO NAME A FEW. ENJOYED SPENDING HER TIME WITH  
23 FAMILY, TRAVELING, PAINTING, READING, COOKING, PLAYING "BUNCO"  
24 AND LISTENING TO JAZZ. SHE WILL BE MISSED. SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
25 HER MOTHER CORNELIA, THREE SONS, MICHAEL, BRIAN AND GREGORY,





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1 SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND SEVEN SIBLINGS. THAT'S SO ORDERED. I  
2 DON'T THINK I HELD ANYTHING. DID I? ALL RIGHT. SO IF YOU GIVE  
3 ME THOSE ITEMS THAT WERE HELD BY THE PUBLIC, PROBABLY MR.  
4 SACHS? PARDON ME? I KNOW. I'M GOING TO CALL YOU NEXT. I WANT  
5 TO CALL ARNOLD SACHS S-1, 2-D, 1, 9, 27 AND 49. OKAY. GO  
6 AHEAD, MR. SACHS. YOU HAVE A WHOLE BUNCH.

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8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF  
9 SUPERVISORS. ARNOLD SACHS. S-1, YOU'RE GOING TO DISCUSS THE  
10 HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET. AND I JUST HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS  
11 REGARDING THAT. I SEEM TO RECALL, THIS IS A WHILE AGO, WHEN  
12 M.L.K. WAS STILL OPEN, I BELIEVE, AND THERE WAS DISCUSSION  
13 INITIATED I BELIEVE BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA REGARDING THE  
14 HOSPITAL-- THE COST OF THE HOSPITAL BED FOR M.L.K. VERSUS THE  
15 COST OF THE OTHER FOUR COUNTY FACILITIES. AND THE HARBOR  
16 U.C.L.A., COUNTY+U.S.C., HIGH COUNTY HOSPITAL AND RANCHO LOS  
17 AMIGOS. THE COST SEEMED TO RANGE ANYWHERE FROM I BELIEVE IT  
18 WAS 350 TO ABOUT \$500 PATIENT BED. YET THE COST FOR M.L.K.  
19 HOSPITAL WAS ALMOST \$900 OR A LITTLE OVER \$900. SO I BELIEVE,  
20 MAYBE IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A LITTLE BIT MORE. MY QUESTION WOULD  
21 BE REGARDING THAT: HAS THAT BEEN ANY KIND OF COMPARISON WORK  
22 BEEN DONE ON THAT TO TRY TO COME TO A CONCLUSION OR COME TO A  
23 REASONING BEHIND THE DISCREPANCY IN THE COST? BECAUSE THAT IS  
24 A DIRECT INPUT ON THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET. THAT BEING  
25 SAID, WHEN YOU DISCUSSED THE REOPENING, THE POSSIBILITY OF THE



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1 REOPENING OF THE M.L.K. HOSPITAL, I BELIEVE C.E.O., MR.  
2 FUJIOKA MENTIONED THAT THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO INPUT ALMOST  
3 \$135 MILLION FOR THE OPENING AND IT WOULDN'T COST THE U.C.  
4 SYSTEM ANY MONEY AT ALL. WITH THAT PLUS THE FACT THAT AT ONE  
5 TIME THE COUNTY U.S.C-- NOT COUNTY U.S. C.-- M.L.K. HOSPITAL  
6 WAS GETTING \$300 MILLION FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE  
7 HOSPITAL IS GOING TO REOPEN HALF THE SIZE, 240 DOWN TO 120  
8 BEDS. SO, AGAIN, ANOTHER COST ANALYSIS THING OR ITEM. WAS THE  
9 TOTAL BUDGET FOR RUNNING M.L.K .APPROXIMATELY \$435 MILLION?  
10 WAS THE COUNTY ALWAYS PUTTING IN \$135 MILLION WITH THE FEDERAL  
11 GOVERNMENT PUTTING IN 300 MILLION? OR IS THIS \$135 MILLION A  
12 NEW AMOUNT? IF YOU LOOK AT THE HOSPITAL BEING HALF THE SIZE,  
13 WHAT WOULD THE BUDGET-- HOW WOULD THE BUDGETARY NUMBERS WORK  
14 OUT WITH THE SIZE OF THE HOSPITAL? IF YOU LOOK AT IT AND SAY  
15 WELL LET'S SAY THE COSTING \$4 \$400 MILLION, HALF THAT WOULD BE  
16 \$200 MILLION. SO \$135 MILLION GIVES YOU \$65 MILLION BUDGET  
17 WHOLE. THAT'S S-1. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU THREE MINUTES ON  
20 2-D AND 47 AND 49 THAT'S THE KIND OF GUY I AM, TODAY.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU ARE A SPECIAL KIND OF GUY, SIR. THANK YOU.  
23 2-D, I KNOW YOU HELD ITEM 19, CONTINUED IT FOR TWO WEEKS BUT  
24 I'M JUST CONCERNED. YOU HAVE A HOMELESS PREVENTION RAPID  
25 REHOUSING PROJECT AND THEN YOU HAVE ITEM 19, A HOMELESS SOCIAL



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1 SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE SUPPLEMENT SECURITY INCOME  
2 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. WHEN DID THE BEHOOVING TO HAVE THE  
3 HOMELESS PREVENTION RAPID REHOUSING PROJECT ALSO INCUR THE  
4 PROCESS OF TRYING TO STEP UP THIS HOMELESS SOCIAL SECURITY  
5 DISABILITY PROJECT? WOULDN'T THAT BE BETTER SERVED INSTEAD OF-  
6 - IT SEEMS TO ME YOU'RE INITIATING A NEW AGENCY TO REDO AN OLD  
7 PROBLEM. ITEM NO. 1, COMMISSION FOR-- ASSIGNMENT FOR THE  
8 COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. AND AGAIN I  
9 WOULD REITERATE WITH THAT SITUATION STUFF THAT WAS BROUGHT UP  
10 HERE AT A MEETING I BELIEVE IT WAS THREE WEEKS AGO WHERE  
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SAID THAT WHEN QUESTIONING THE HEAD OF  
12 THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THAT ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE  
13 DEPARTMENT WEREN'T PROFICIENT ON THE SYSTEM THAT WAS BEING  
14 INITIATED OR BEING USED BY CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IN AN  
15 ATTEMPT TO INTERFACE INFORMATION. SO I WOULD ASK THAT THE  
16 COMMISSION MAKE SURE THAT'S A PRIORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT. AND  
17 ALSO ALL THE AGENCIES THAT INTERFACE IN THAT COMMISSION ALSO  
18 USE THE PROPER TECHNIQUES TO INPUT THEIR INFORMATION SO THAT  
19 IT'S AVAILABLE. ITEM NO. 9 REFERS TO A LETTER THAT YOU WANT TO  
20 SEND TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATION REGARDING FOSTER  
21 YOUTH IDENTITY THEFT AND THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE L.A.  
22 TIMES I BELIEVE A COUPLE WEEKS AGO REGARDING FOSTER YOUTH. AND  
23 MAYBE YOU COULD EXTEND OR ENCOMPASS WHAT WAS WRITTEN ABOUT  
24 THAT ARTICLE THAT FOSTER YOUTH WHEN THEY TURN 18, A LOT OF THE  
25 YOUTH ARE JUST PUT OUT ONTO THE STREET. THEY DON'T NECESSARILY



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1 HAVE ALL THE ADEQUATE PAPERWORK THAT THEY NEED, SUCH AS  
2 IDENTIFICATION, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, MAYBE AN OPPORTUNITY  
3 FOR THEM TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMPS. THEY ARE JUST  
4 RELEASED OUT OF THE SYSTEM.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ALREADY MADE THAT REQUEST.

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8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M JUST FOLLOWING UP. THANK YOU, SIR. ITEM 27,  
9 YOU MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE HEARD, THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR HERE  
10 COULD GO FOR 28 AND 26, BUT THE CITY OF L.A. HAS RECENTLY  
11 ENACTED A NEW-- TRYING, SO WHAT-- TO IMPROVE THEIR ORDINANCE  
12 REGARDING THEIR LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE. AND I'M WONDERING: ARE  
13 THESE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS THAT THE COUNTY IS SIGNING UP  
14 FOR, WILL THEY-- ARE THEY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF A COUNTY  
15 LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** DOES THE COUNTY FORESEE INCREASING THAT  
20 ORDINANCE? THE CITY SAID THAT THEY FIND THAT \$1.25, WHICH IS  
21 RIDICULOUS, IS NOT ADEQUATE ENOUGH TO PAY FOR HEALTHCARE, THAT  
22 THEY WANT TO HAVE INCREASE ONLY FOR A SPECIFIC GROUP OF PEOPLE  
23 UNDER THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE, THEY WANT TO INCREASE THEIR  
24 PAY BY \$3.50 TO 14.50 AND THE WAY PROCESS THEY ARE GOING TO DO  
25 THIS IS THEY HOPE TO HAVE THE AIRLINES INCREASE THE COST OF A



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1     TICKET BY A QUARTER, WHICH IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS TO HAVING  
2     AN OUTSIDE AGENCY--

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4     **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 49, IF YOU ADDRESS IT QUICKLY, PLEASE.

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6     **ARNOLD SACHS:** 49, BOND ISSUANCE. THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE  
7     L.A. TIMES REGARDING CITY-ISSUED BONDS FOR L.A.U.S.D. THAT IF  
8     THE BONDS DON'T REACH THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT IS NECESSARY,  
9     THIS L.A.U.S.D. AND THE CITY CAN RE-NEGOTIATE THE COST ON THE  
10    PROPERTY TAX INCREASE TO COVER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT  
11    THEY EXPECT TO GENERATE AND WHAT IS GENERATED. WILL THAT BE  
12    UNDER THE SAME PART OF THE SAME PROGRAM OR ARE THESE BONDS  
13    BEING ISSUED BY THE COUNTY? IF THEY DON'T MEET THE REQUIRED--

14

15    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE DOING THEM ON BEHALF OF THE LONG  
16    BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, THEIR REQUEST, WE ISSUED THE  
17    BONDS.

18

19    **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUT IF THEY DON'T REACH THE AMOUNT, WILL THEY BE  
20    ABLE TO RE-NEGOTIATE THE PROPERTY TAXES TO MAKE UP THE  
21    DIFFERENCE?

22

23    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO.

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25    **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM 2-D, 1, 9, 27 AND 49  
3 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. S-1 WE HAVE  
5 OTHER SPEAKERS IS THERE A REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT? OR IS  
6 THAT JUST A RECEIVE AND FILE? ARCELIA LOPEZ, SANDY FRIEND AND  
7 ALFRED THOMPSON COME FORWARD, PLEASE. GO AHEAD AND IDENTIFY  
8 YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD. GO AHEAD.

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10 **ALFRED THOMPSON:** I'M ALFRED THOMPSON.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I CALLED THREE AND FOUR SHOWED UP. AM I  
13 MISSING ONE?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** OH, I'M HERE AS A RESOURCE. KATARINA DEL VALLE-  
16 THOMPSON, I'M DIRECTOR OF REGISTERED NURSES FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL  
17 721.

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19 **SANDY FRIEND:** SANDY FRIEND, HARBOR U.C.L.A., REGISTERED NURSE.

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21 **ARCELIA LOPEZ:** ARCELIA LOPEZ, REGISTERED NURSE, EMERGENCY  
22 ROOM. HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. THOMPSON?

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1   **ALFRED THOMPSON:** YES. I WOULD LIKE TO LET THE BOARD KNOW THAT  
2   I'M A REGISTERED NURSE OF L.A. COUNTY FOR 27 YEARS. I WORK IN  
3   LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION. AND I'M ALSO THE CHAIR OF A  
4   REGISTERED NURSES' BARGAINING TABLE 311. AND WE'RE NOT HERE  
5   BECAUSE WE'RE IN BARGAINING. WE'RE HERE TO EXPRESS OUR  
6   CONCERNS AS PATIENTS' ADVOCATES FOR SAFE AND QUALITY CARE. MY  
7   COLLEAGUES HERE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHAT A TYPICAL DAY IS LIKE  
8   WORKING IN OUR ACUTE CARE FACILITIES. WE REACHED OUT, HUNDREDS  
9   OF NURSES CALLED THE C.E.O. IN EARLY AUGUST TO LET THEM KNOW  
10   THAT IT WASN'T ENOUGH TIME TO BARGAIN ALL THE PATIENT CARE  
11   ISSUES THAT WE HAVE DURING THESE NEGOTIATIONS. SO WE'RE HERE  
12   TO EXPRESS SOME OF THE NEEDS. LAST WEEK, THE STATE LICENSING  
13   VISITED TWO OF OUR ACUTE CARE FACILITIES. THE REGISTERED  
14   NURSES OF THOSE FACILITIES WOULD PREFER TO WORK THE PROBLEMS  
15   OUT WITH NURSING MANAGEMENT PRIOR TO THEM BECOMING PROBLEMS.  
16   WE'D LIKE TO PREVENT THOSE THINGS FROM OCCURRING. WE FEEL THAT  
17   AT THE TABLE, WE DO HAVE THE RIGHT INDIVIDUALS, NURSING  
18   DIRECTORS, ASSISTANT MANAGERS, THE C.E.O., AND A FEW OF THE  
19   THINGS THAT IMPACT OUR CARE, WE FEEL THAT WE DO HAVE SOLUTIONS  
20   THAT WILL SAVE L.A. COUNTY IN THE LONG RUN. WE CAN DELIVER  
21   BETTER CARE, SMARTER PATIENT CARE. IN OUR ACUTE CARE  
22   HOSPITALS, WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO IS MINIMIZE THE R.N.  
23   RATIOS FOR ACUTE-- FOR PATIENT ACUITY. WE'RE NOT JUST SAYING  
24   FOR STAFFING FOR PATIENT ACUITY NOT JUST RATIOS. WHAT WE NEED  
25   IS RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF REGISTERED NURSE WHEN STAFFING IS





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1 UNSAFE, NURSES TO BE SELECTED 50 PERCENT FROM THE DIRECT CARE  
2 S.E.I.U. NURSES. THE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR CRITICAL CARE, E.R.  
3 AND O.R. NURSES IS NECESSARY FOR US TO BE ABLE TO DRAW FROM.  
4 WE WOULD LIKE IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS. YEAH, WE  
5 WOULD LIKE TO NOTICE REGISTERED NURSES, FOR THEM TO BE  
6 NOTIFIED ON CONFIRMATION OF WHEN THEY'RE EXPOSED TO DISEASES.  
7 I'LL LET MY COLLEAGUES SPEAK.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP?

10

11 **ALFRED THOMPSON:** YES. AND I'LL LET MY COLLEAGUES SAY.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SANDY FRIEND:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. AS I STATED MY NAME  
16 IS SANDY FRIEND. I'M A REGISTERED NURSE AT HARBOR U.C.L.A.  
17 MEDICAL CENTER WORKING ON A MEDICAL SURGICAL FLOOR. NEXT MONTH  
18 WILL BE MY 16TH YEAR WITH THE COUNTY AS A REGISTERED NURSE.  
19 I'D LIKE TO STATE FIRST I'M VERY COMPASSIONATE ABOUT BEING AN  
20 ADVOCATE TO OUR PATIENTS AND MAKE SURE WE'RE DELIVERING THE  
21 BEST CARE AND SAFE CARE TO OUR PATIENTS. AND AT THE SAME TIME,  
22 MAKING SURE THAT ALL R.N.S THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY'S LICENSES  
23 ARE PROTECTED. ACCORDING TO CALIFORNIA TITLE 22, A MEDICAL  
24 SURGICAL NURSE RATIO IS 1-5. I WANT TO BRING TO THE BOARD'S  
25 ATTENTION TODAY THAT WE ARE IN VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA TITLE



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1 22. MY GREAT CONCERN AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. ARE SHORT STAFFS  
2 DURING BREAK OR LUNCH TIMES. THE R.N.S ARE COVERING UP TO 15  
3 TO 20 PATIENTS DURING A BREAK THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR.  
4 AND HOW THIS ADDS UP IS AN R.N. WILL HAVE FIVE PATIENTS. THEN  
5 WE'VE GOT THE L.V.N. BELOW HER THAT WE'RE RESPONSIBLE. SO I  
6 MIGHT HAVE THREE. MY OTHER ASSISTANT, MY OTHER R.N. GOES TO  
7 BREAK. I HAVE HER FIVE AND HER TWO OR THREE AND SOMETIMES  
8 MORE. SO DURING A BREAK TIME, I HAVE 15 PATIENTS. AND  
9 SOMETIMES A LITTLE MORE THAT I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR. AND THAT IS  
10 NOT SAFE. I CANNOT DELIVER SAFE CARE TO THESE PATIENTS. I  
11 CANNOT DELIVER PAIN MEDICATIONS WHEN PEOPLE ARE CALLING, NOT  
12 TO MENTION THAT THE SECRETARY GOES ON BREAK. WE HAVE NO ONE TO  
13 COVER A SECRETARY. NO ONE'S ON OUR CALL LIGHT. THE R.N.'S  
14 RESPONSIBLE TO ANSWER PHONES AT THE STATION, THE CALL LIGHTS  
15 AND DELIVERING CARE. SOMETIMES WE HAVE ONE, TWO N.A.'S ON A  
16 SHIFT WITH 44 PATIENTS. I'M ON A LARGE MEDICAL-SURGICAL FLOOR.  
17 OUR FLOOR HOLDS UP TO 52 PATIENTS. SO WE'VE GOT ONE C.N.A.  
18 DURING BREAK TIME WITH 44 PATIENTS. SO IF I ASK HER PLEASE  
19 HELP WITH OUT WITH A BEDPAN, SOMEONE'S LAYING IN THEIR WASTE,  
20 SHE CAN'T BECAUSE SHE'S DOWN THE HALL WITH OTHER PATIENTS.  
21 THAT PATIENT'S LAYING THERE FOR 20 MINUTES IN THEIR WASTE.  
22 I'VE GOT FIVE PATIENTS IN A LINE ASKING FOR PAIN MEDICATION.  
23 I'M ONE PERSON. THE LINE IS VERY, VERY THIN. SO WHAT WE'RE  
24 ASKING THE BOARD TO LOOK AT IS WE NEED MORE STAFF, NOT LESS.  
25 AND IF THAT MEANS HIRING PART-TIME PEOPLE FOR JUST BREAK, WE



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1    NEED IT. WHAT WE'D LIKE TO SEE, LIKE I SAID, IS MORE STAFF,  
2    NOT LESS. AND THE BOARD TO INTERVENE WITH THIS PROBLEM BEFORE  
3    HARBOR AND SOME OF THE OTHER COUNTY FACILITIES BECOME THE NEXT  
4    MARTIN LUTHER KING. THANK YOU.

5

6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. NEXT?

7

8    **ARCELIA LOPEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ARCELIA LOPEZ AND I  
9    WORK FOR THE COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY HARBOR U.C.L.A. EMERGENCY  
10   DEPARTMENT AS A TRAUMA NURSE FOR SEVEN YEARS. I ALSO FUNCTION  
11   AS A RELIEF CHARGE NURSE AND MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT NURSE  
12   FOR THE SAME DEPARTMENT. YOU KNOW, I LOVE MY JOB, AND I'M VERY  
13   PASSIONATE ALSO ABOUT PATIENT CARE AND PATIENT SAFETY. I'M  
14   HERE TODAY AND THAT'S THE MAIN REASON I'M HERE TODAY, BECAUSE  
15   THE PATIENT SAFETY IS A BIG CONCERN AT HARBOR U.C.L.A.,  
16   ESPECIALLY THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW DUE TO  
17   INADEQUATE STAFFING. HARBOR U.C.L.A. AS YOU KNOW IS LEVEL 1  
18   TRAUMA CENTER HAS A LARGE CATCHMENT AREA AND THEREFORE A LARGE  
19   NUMBER OF PATIENTS COME THROUGH OUR DOORS DAILY. AND IT'S VERY  
20   IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP ADEQUATE STAFFING TO BE ABLE TO DELIVER  
21   EFFECTIVE AND SAFE PATIENT CARE ON A REGULAR BASIS WE'VE LEFT  
22   ONE OR THREE, EVEN FOUR NURSES SHORT. PER DIEM NURSES ARE  
23   BEING CANCELED. THEY REFUSE TO AUTHORIZE OVERTIME, CITING THE  
24   BUDGET. THIS MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT TO DELIVER THE QUALITY OF  
25   CARE THAT EVERY PATIENT DESERVES. FOR EXAMPLE, IN A DAY AN



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1 OVERCHARGE CHARGE NURSE HAS THREE DIFFERENT JOBS TO DO. TO  
2 FUNCTION OVERCHARGE NURSE, A CHARGE NURSE AND ALSO M.I.C.N.  
3 THAT'S A CLEAR VIOLATION OF TITLE 22 AND IT'S VERY UNSAFE.  
4 THESE UNSAFE PRACTICES I KNOW I UNDERSTAND THEY'RE NOT  
5 ISOLATED TO HARBOR U.C.L.A. ONLY. BUT IT IS A CONSISTENCY  
6 HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE COUNTY  
7 HEALTH SYSTEM. I'M ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO STOP THESE  
8 VIOLATIONS SO WE CAN DO WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO: SAVE LIVES.  
9 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. ALL  
12 RIGHT S-1. BILL?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE DEPARTMENT WILL COME UP SHORTLY BUT I WAS  
15 GOING TO MAKE A COUPLE OF QUICK COMMENTS. WE'VE BEEN IN  
16 CONTACT WITH NURSING DIRECTOR AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. MEDICAL  
17 CENTER PEGGY NAZARE. AND THOSE WHO KNOW PEGGY AND KNOW WITH  
18 HER EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCE SHE TRACKS THIS ISSUE VERY, VERY  
19 CAREFULLY. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, SHE'S STATING THAT, FIRST,  
20 THE STAFF AT THE FACILITY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS THEY HAVEN'T  
21 RAISED THIS ISSUE TO HER ATTENTION. SHE STATES THAT SHE IS IN  
22 COMPLIANCE WITH THE NURSING STAFF RATIOS. BUT SHE ALSO WOULD  
23 ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS THAT WORK AT HARBOR, GIVEN THE TYPE OF  
24 ENVIRONMENT THAT SHE'S CREATED, TO BRING THESE ISSUES TO HER  
25 ATTENTION. AND SHE'S MORE THAN WILLING TO WORK WITH THEM.



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1 ALSO, THERE ARE SOME ISSUES THAT WERE BEING RAISED BY THE  
2 FIRST SPEAKER THAT ARE ALSO BEING RAISED AT THE BARGAINING  
3 TABLE. AND THOSE ISSUES SHOULD BE BEST VETTED AT THE  
4 BARGAINING TABLE AND NOT IN THIS FORUM.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT TO OUR  
7 ATTENTION AND WE'LL FOLLOW UP AND GET A REPORT FROM THE  
8 DEPARTMENT. SO WITH THAT, ITEM S-1 WE WILL RECEIVE AND FILE.

9

10 **ALFRED THOMPSON:** MAY I SAY I DO HAVE A PETITION FOR THE BOARD.  
11 IT'S APPROXIMATELY 1,700 NURSES WHO ARE EXPRESSING THEIR  
12 CONCERNS ABOUT SAFE PATIENT CARE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I APPRECIATE IT. I DO KNOW THAT SOME OF  
15 THOSE THINGS SOUND MORE LIKE NEGOTIATION. WE UNDERSTAND.

16

17 **ALFRED THOMPSON:** WE WOULD LEAVE THIS WITH THE BOARD.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. WITH THAT WE WILL  
20 RECEIVE AND FILE S-1. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THAT TAKES US TO  
21 PUBLIC COMMENTS, AM I CORRECT?

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 52?

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT?



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 52?

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
5 HEALTH AS IT RELATES TO PROP 36. ALL RIGHT. WE WILL HAVE A  
6 REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND THEN WE DO HAVE ONE SPEAKER  
7 FROM THE PUBLIC. CARRIE I'LL CALL YOU UP IN A MINUTE. LET US  
8 GET THE REPORT OUT OF THE WAY FIRST.

9

10 **JOHN FRIEDMAN:** SUPERVISOR JOHN FRIEDMAN, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
11 HEALTH. ACTUALLY THE PROP 36 REDUCTIONS HAVE BEEN CONTINUED I  
12 THINK ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. WHAT'S BEFORE YOU IS OUR  
13 REPORT RELATED TO H.I.V./A.I.D.S. REDUCTIONS WHICH ARE A BY-  
14 PRODUCT OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE GOVERNOR'S VETOING OF THE  
15 FUND COMPONENT OF H.I.V. SERVICES, APPROXIMATELY A \$10 MILLION  
16 REDUCTION TO OUR COMMUNITY. WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE YOU IN YOUR  
17 REPORT IS THE PRODUCT OF A WORK BY THE DEPARTMENT IN  
18 CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V. AS WELL AS THE  
19 PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE CERTAIN SERVICES,  
20 REDUCE OTHER SERVICES AND ELIMINATE SERVICES THAT ARE  
21 CONTAINED WITHIN THIS MEMO. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, I'D BE  
22 HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A MOTION TO ADOPT  
23 THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT. YES.

24



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BECAUSE WE CONTINUE-- OKAY. ALL RIGHT.  
2   CARRIE? CARRY BROADUS? COME FORWARD, PLEASE? I SERVED ON THE  
3   L.A. CARE BOARD TOGETHER? SHE DIDN'T PICK ON ME TOO MUCH.

4  
5   **CARRIE BROADUS:** I'M HERE TO SPEAK SPECIFICALLY TO THE  
6   ELIMINATION OF H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SERVICES. AND I WANT TO FIRST  
7   SAY THAT IN 2005, THAT OUR DATA AS RELATES TO ACCESS TO  
8   SERVICE PARTICULARLY FOR WOMEN, AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN AND  
9   LATINOS, THAT NEARLY 43 TO 54 PERCENT LISTED NOT KNOWING WHERE  
10   SERVICES WERE AND NOT KNOWING THAT SERVICES WERE AVAILABLE TO  
11   THEM, KEPT THEM FROM ACCESSING PRIMARY OUTPATIENT MEDICAL  
12   SERVICES. THIS DATA CAME IF THE H.I.V. CARE ASSESSMENT  
13   PROJECT. AND NEARLY 30 TO 35 PERCENT OF THOSE WOMEN WHO WERE  
14   SURVEYED HAD MISSED CLINIC APPOINTMENTS EITHER SIX, SOMETIMES  
15   ONLY WENT SIX MONTHS OR ONE TIME OUT OF SIX MONTHS OR NEVER  
16   WENT AT ALL. ONE OTHER THING THAT WOMEN ALIVE HAVE BEEN ABLE  
17   TO DO IS ADDRESS THE SOCIALLY ECONOMIC FACTORS THAT IMPEDE  
18   WOMEN FROM ACCESSING H.I.V. CARE SERVICES. AND WE'VE BEEN VERY  
19   SUCCESSFUL IN DOING THAT FOR THE LAST SEVEN YEARS AS IT  
20   RELATES TO TREATMENT EDUCATION AND ALSO PEER SUPPORT. IN FACT,  
21   WHEN WE LOOK AT THE CURRENT DATA AS IT RELATES TO H.I.V. AND  
22   A.I.D.S., THAT THERE'S ONLY 6 PERCENT GAP IN WOMEN ACCESSING  
23   OUTPATIENT MEDICAL SERVICES, AND IN FACT ONLY 7 PERCENT GAP AS  
24   IT RELATES TO MEDICAL SPECIALTY. SO FOR THE LAST MINUTE OF MY  
25   TIME, I'M ASKING THAT YOU DO NOT CUT TREATMENT EDUCATION AND





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1 PEER SUPPORT, BECAUSE AT THIS TIME, THERE'S STILL A GAP OF 40  
2 PERCENT AS RELATES TO PEER SUPPORT AND 27 PERCENT GAP AS IT  
3 RELATES TO TREATMENT EDUCATION. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A  
4 NECESSITY TO MAKE CUTS, BUT I THINK THE METHOD NEEDS TO BE RE-  
5 EXAMINED. FOR INSTANCE, THAT THERE IS NO CLEAR PROOF THAT THE  
6 COST OF SERVICES THAT ARE BEING EARMARKED FOR THE CORE CLUSTER  
7 OF MEDICAL SERVICES IS BEING COST-EFFECTIVE. WE APPLIED A COST  
8 RATE STUDY, MEDICAL RATE STUDY THAT WAS NEVER IMPLEMENTED THAT  
9 COULD HAVE GIVEN US AN IDEA OF WHERE THE COST SAVINGS COULD BE  
10 REALIZED. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THESE CUTS DO NOT INDICATE THE  
11 DISEASE BURDEN OR THE GEOGRAPHIC ESTIMATE OF NEED OF WHERE  
12 GAPS WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND AS RELATES TO VULNERABLE  
13 POPULATIONS. I WILL ALSO INDICATE THAT ONCE AGAIN THE NEED IS  
14 TO LOOK AT WHAT IS MORE COST-EFFECTIVE? SIMPLY CUTTING  
15 BUDGETS, SIMPLY ELIMINATING PROGRAMS SUCH AS WOMEN ALIVE, YOU  
16 WILL EVENTUALLY-- YOU WILL IN ESSENCE CLOSE THE DOOR OF WOMEN  
17 ALIVE. THIS IS THE ONLY ORGANIZATION THAT IS SERVING WOMEN OF  
18 COLOR THAT ARE LIVING WITH AND AFFECTED BY H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S.  
19 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN CLOSING, THERE IS NO CLEAR PLAN OR  
20 RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE THE DISPARITY AS IT  
21 RELATES TO PARTICULARLY WOMEN OF COLOR, HOMELESS AND ALSO POST  
22 INCARCERATED WITH THESE DESIRED CUTS. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ON THAT PARTICULAR PIECE  
25 YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT HAS BEEN CONTINUED.



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2 **CARRIE BROADUS:** WELL IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING IT WAS ONLY THE  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ DRUGS PROP 36. I'M HERE SPECIFICALLY TO THE  
4 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. BECAUSE IT WAS ACCORDING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
5 AGENDA.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO. IT'S BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY.

8

9 **JOHN FRIEDMAN:** THIS IS BEFORE THE BOARD. THE ONLY MATTER  
10 THAT'S BEING CONTINUED ARE THE PROP 36, WHICH WOULD BE A  
11 SUBSET, A DIFFERENT SET OF REDUCTIONS. THIS IS WITHIN THE  
12 H.I.V., MS. BROADUS OUTLINED THAT SHE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
13 RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ELIMINATE THESE TWO,  
14 FUNDING FOR THESE TWO CATEGORIES, WHICH OBVIOUSLY AFFECT HER  
15 AGENCY AND THOSE CONSTITUENTS.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CAN WE CONTINUE THIS PIECE, AS WELL,  
18 THEN, FOR A WEEK AND REPORT BACK TO US ON THAT?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE YOU DO THAT, CAN YOU JUST WALK US  
21 THROUGH SUCCINCTLY WHAT IT IS THAT THESE CATEGORIES ARE AND  
22 WHAT THE CUTS ARE?

23

24 **JOHN FRIEDMAN:** THERE ARE TWO AREAS. ONE IS TWO SERVICE  
25 CATEGORIES WHICH THE ENTIRE SERVICE AREA HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR



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1 ELIMINATION. MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, WHICH IS EDUCATION TO  
2 PEOPLE WHO HAVE H.I.V. WHO ARE IN SEVERE MEDICAL CONDITIONS  
3 AND SPECIALIZING. WE ARE INCORPORATING THAT INTO THE MEDICAL  
4 CARE COMPONENT OF THE PROGRAM. SO THAT SERVICE CATEGORY IS NOT  
5 NEEDED AT THIS TIME. AND THE OTHER ONE IS PEER SUPPORT, WHICH  
6 THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V. HAS DEFUNDED AS A SERVICE PRIORITY.  
7 AND WE'RE TAKING ACTION TO MOVE ALONG IN THAT DIRECTION. ALL  
8 OF THIS IS IN THE CONTEXT OF DIMINISHING RESOURCES ACROSS-THE-  
9 BOARD FOR H.I.V.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THIS A RESPONSE TO THE STATE CUTBACKS  
12 EXCLUSIVELY?

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14 **JOHN FRIEDMAN:** CORRECT.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND SO HOW MUCH-- HOW CAN YOU QUANTIFY OR  
17 DESCRIBE THE IMPACT OF THE CUT? THESE ARE NOT-- FIRST OF ALL,  
18 AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WE'RE NOT CUTTING IN ANY AREA INVOLVING  
19 MEDICATIONS, IS THAT CORRECT?

20

21 **JOHN FRIEDMAN:** CORRECT. THE PRESERVATION STRATEGY TO PROTECT  
22 COUNSELING AND TESTING, MEDICAL CARE SERVICES, MEDICAL CASE  
23 MANAGEMENT, THE WHOLE LIST OF ORAL HEALTH SERVICES, NUTRITION  
24 SUPPORT SERVICES, PSYCHIATRIC AND PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES AS  
25 WELL AS THE CORE MEDICAL COMPONENT. THERE ARE OTHER SERVICE



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1 CATEGORIES THAT ARE FACING A REDUCTION AND THEN THERE IS A  
2 THIRD SET OF SERVICE CATEGORIES THAT ARE FACING TOTAL  
3 ELIMINATION OF FUNDING.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE THOSE TOTAL ELIMINATION?

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7 **JOHN FRIEDMAN:** THE TOTAL ELIMINATION FUNDING WOULD BE LEGAL  
8 SERVICES, MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, PEER SUPPORT, SERVICE  
9 PROVIDERS, CAPACITY BUILDING AND SERVICE PROVIDER TRAINING AND  
10 TREATMENT EDUCATION SERVICES.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU BOTH. THE  
15 ITEM IS BEFORE US, THEN, ON THE RECOMMENDATION. IS THERE A  
16 MOTION TO APPROVE?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE IT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE A SECOND?

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22 **SPEAKER:** SECOND.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OBJECTIONS? OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
25 SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS, PLEASE?



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1  
2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST IT'S A LITTLE SADNESS THAT WE .  
3 RECOGNIZE AND DECLARED "JACK KRAMER DAY" IN JULY. WHEN HE WAS  
4 HERE, WE WERE ABLE TO REPRESENT FROM THE COUNTY OUR  
5 APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF HIS LEADERSHIP IN LOS ANGELES  
6 COUNTY. AND WHEN HE WAS HERE, HE WAS JUST SHY OF HIS 88TH  
7 BIRTHDAY. BUT JACK WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST TENNIS PLAYERS IN  
8 AMERICAN HISTORY. HE WAS A PROMOTER AND INNOVATOR. HE ALSO  
9 SERVED IN THE MILITARY DURING WORLD WAR II. HE WAS AN AUTHOR  
10 AND TELEVISION COMMENTATOR. AT THE AGE OF 17 HE WAS THE  
11 YOUNGEST TO EVER PLAY IN THE DAVIS CUP FINAL. HE WAS RANKED  
12 NO. 1 IN THE WORLD IN '46 AND 1947. AND HE FINISHED HIS GRAND,  
13 HIS CAREER AS A WINNER OF 10 GRAND SLAM TITLES. HE HAD WON THE  
14 PRESTIGIOUS SULLIVAN AWARD. HE APPEARED ON THE COVERS OF TIME  
15 AND NEWSWEEK. IN THE MILLENNIUM HE WAS SELECTED BY THE  
16 ASSOCIATED PRESS AS ONE OF THE TOP 10 PLAYERS IN THE 20TH  
17 CENTURY. AS A PHILANTHROPIST, HE GAVE BACK TO THE SUPPORT WITH  
18 THE NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE TENNIS PROGRAM AND THE PACIFIC  
19 SOUTHWEST YOUTH TENNIS FOUNDATION. AND IT WAS JULY 21ST THAT  
20 WE HAD DECLARED "JACK KRAMER DAY" THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY OF LOS  
21 ANGELES. HE ALSO BECAME A VERY ASTUTE BUSINESSMAN BECAUSE HIS  
22 TENNIS RACQUET BY WILSON WAS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR RACQUETS  
23 EVER SOLD. BUT HE WAS ABLE TO NEGOTIATE A VERY LUCRATIVE  
24 CONTRACT WHERE HE TOOK 2-1/2 PERCENT OF THE REVENUES, WHICH  
25 ENDED UP WHERE HE WAS MAKING MORE THAN THE PRESIDENT OF WILSON



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1 SPORTING GOODS. AND THAT RACKET SOLD OVER 30 MILLION RACQUETS  
2 IN THE WORLD. AND HE WAS ABLE TO PUT THOSE RESOURCES BACK INTO  
3 HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE IN BECOMING A PHILANTHROPIST. I HAD THE  
4 OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING HIS AUNT, AS I SAID, MY MUSIC TEACHER,  
5 AS MY BROTHER, DID AT RUSSELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SOUTH  
6 CENTRAL LOS ANGELES, AND THEN HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF TEACHING  
7 HIS SON GOVERNMENT HISTORY AT UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL, BOB, IN  
8 THE '60S. SO I'D MOVE IN MEMORY OF HIS PASSING.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO MICHAEL WETHERBIE WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
13 AUGUST 31ST. HE WORKED AS A FIREMAN WITH L.A. COUNTY'S FIRE  
14 DEPARTMENT FOR 36 YEARS. HE WAS THE FIREMAN OF THE YEAR IN  
15 1995. AND HE WAS A CHARTERED MEMBER OF THE JUNIPER HILLS TOWN  
16 COUNCIL WHERE HE SERVED AS THE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE JUNIPER  
17 HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
18 LORI OF 55 YEARS AND THEIR CHILDREN DENNY AND TERRY. ANOTHER  
19 GOOD FRIEND, WALLACE KAI CHAN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96. HE  
20 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 54 YEARS, ALICE, AND THEIR CHILDREN  
21 MILTON AND WALLACE. MIKE ROBERT DE SALVO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST  
22 20TH. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. SERVED IN VIETNAM  
23 AND WORKED FOR THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR  
24 THE PAST 36 YEARS. ALSO A VERY GOOD FRIEND WHO IS QUITE  
25 INVOLVED IN OUR COUNTY AND IN MY POLITICAL EFFORTS, ELNORA



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1 DEAN WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEKEND FROM CANCER. SHE HAD A TOUGH  
2 STRUGGLE WITH CANCER, BUT SHE WAS FIGHTING IT VERY WELL AND  
3 SHE WAS A WONDERFUL WIFE AND MOTHER. SO OUR CONDOLENCES TO DON  
4 AND THE FAMILY. MICHAEL "MIKE" ROBERT DE SALVO, AS I SAID, HE  
5 HAD WORKED FOR THE COUNTY FOR THE PAST 36 YEARS. AND THEN  
6 FRANK VICENCIA, WHO DON KNABE HAD BROUGHT IN. I ALSO HAD THE  
7 OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE WITH FRANK AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND  
8 HE WAS A VERY FINE MAN AND A GOOD FAMILY MAN. THORNTON  
9 SIMMONS. HE SERVED FOR 25 YEARS WITH THE PROJECT GANGS  
10 PROGRAM. PLAYING A LEAD ACTING ROAD IN THE STAGE SHOW "THOU  
11 SHALT NOT KILL" TEACHING OUR YOUTH ABOUT NONVIOLENCE WHERE HE  
12 SPOKE AT MANY OF OUR COUNTLESS CONVENTIONS, CHURCHES AND  
13 SCHOOL, COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE EVENTS ALL OVER OUR COUNTY.  
14 GARRETT MARK NUNNELEE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 17 AND HE IS  
15 SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, LISA AND MARK AS WELL AS HIS BROTHER,  
16 KENNY AND SISTERS AMANDA, CAITLIN. CAROL YVONNE PENNY OF THE  
17 ANTELOPE VALLEY. SHE WAS A HOMEMAKER, BOOKKEEPER, OFFICE  
18 MANAGER FOR HER HUSBAND'S BUSINESS. DR. GEORGE ALBERT RUTAN  
19 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND WAS A GRADUATE OF THE  
20 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY AND HE  
21 HAD MOVED TO DENEWA, CALIFORNIA AND SET UP HIS DENTAL PRACTICE  
22 AND LATER BECAME A PILOT IN 1953. FRANK SEBEK, RETIRED  
23 LIEUTENANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
24 WHERE HE SERVED FOR 23 YEARS. THOSE WERE MY ADJOURNMENT  
25 MOTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN.





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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND LET ME-- I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UP THE  
5 QUESTIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STANDING BY RIGHT  
6 NOW.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THIS LIKE OH BY THE WAY?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE ARE GOING TO HAVE -- AND OUR CITIZENS ARE  
11 GOING TO BE VICTIMIZED ONE BY THE FIRE AND TWO BY THE FLOODS  
12 THAT WILL BE COMING SHORTLY AND THE RUNOFFS. COULD YOU ASK AND  
13 PROVIDE OUR STAFFS A LITTLE BRIEFING RIGHT NOW RELATIVE TO HAS  
14 YOUR STAFF BEEN PROVIDED TO ACCESS TO ALL OF THE BURN AREAS?

15

16 **MARK PASTRELLO:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR  
17 ASKING. MARK PASTRELLO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. WE  
18 HAVE RECEIVED ACCESS TO ALL AREAS, BURN AREAS, BOTH THE  
19 STATION AND MORRIS FIRES.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THE COUNTY HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE  
22 CABIN LEASEHOLDS OR ARE THESE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
23 U.S. FOREST SERVICE?

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1   **MARK PASTRELLO:** LEASEHOLDS ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
2   U.S. FOREST SERVICE.

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4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO ON THE REBUILDING OF THOSE CABINS, WILL  
5   THEY GO THROUGH THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE OR DO THEY COME TO THE  
6   DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS?

7

8   **MARK PASTRELLO:** THEY WILL GO THROUGH THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE.  
9   AND IN PAST FIRES WE'VE COOPERATED WITH THE U.S. FOREST  
10   SERVICE UNDER CONTRACT TO REVIEW THOSE CABINS FOR BUILDING  
11   STANDARDS PERMIT AND INSPECTION.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEY CONTRACT WITH US FOR THOSE REBUILDING  
14   PLANS?

15

16   **MARK PASTRELLO:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHO HAS FINAL SAY WHEN THERE'S  
19   DIFFERENCES OF OPINION? THE FOREST SERVICE OR THE COUNTY?

20

21   **MARK PASTRELLO:** THE FOREST SERVICE.

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE A TELEPHONE NUMBER THAT INDIVIDUALS  
24   CAN CALL FOR ADVICE ABOUT EROSION CONTROL, CONTAINING MUD  
25   FLOWS AND PROTECTING THEIR PROPERTIES?



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2 **MARK PASTRELLO:** YES. IN FACT, THE DEPARTMENT HAS SET UP ON OUR  
3 WEBSITE, LACOUNTY.GOV AS WELL AS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
4 WEBSITE WWW.LACOUNTY.GOV WITH AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT'S  
5 WEBSITE, WWW.LADPW.ORG AND PROVIDED AN 800 NUMBER. 1-800-214-  
6 4020 THAT THE PUBLIC MAY USE TO HAVE ENGINEERS FROM THE  
7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COME AND ASSESS THEIR PROPERTIES  
8 FOR POTENTIAL MUD FLOW TO THEIR PROPERTIES.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW CAN WE PUBLICIZE THAT TELEPHONE NUMBER?

11

12 **MARK PASTRELLO:** BOTH ON THE WEBSITES WE'VE DONE THAT, SIR. AND  
13 WE'VE ALSO WORKED IN THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE CAMPAIGN AS WELL  
14 AS OUR OWN PUBLIC RELATIONS FOLKS ARE PUTTING OUT PRESS  
15 RELEASES TO MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THIS SERVICE THAT'S  
16 AVAILABLE FOR FREE TO THE PUBLIC.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SOME OF OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS WAS DISMAL  
19 DURING THE FIRE AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD PERHAPS EVEN  
20 HAVE SOME BILLBOARDS OR WHATEVER WITHIN THE AREA SO THE  
21 CITIZENS WOULD KNOW WHAT THAT HOT LINE NUMBER IS.

22

23 **MARK PASTRELLO:** GREAT SUGGESTION.

24



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR INSPECTION OF ALL  
2    ROADWAYS IMPACTED BY THE FIRE?

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4    **MARK PASTRELLO:** YES. WE'VE COMPLETED ALL INSPECTIONS OF THE  
5    ROADWAYS, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE STILL ACTIVE FIRE IN SOME AREAS,  
6    BUT WE BELIEVE WE HAVE AN IDEA THAT THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE  
7    TO THE ROADWAYS WAS IN THE FOREST SERVICE AREA.

8

9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU EXPECT CLOSURES OF MOUNTAIN ROADS,  
10    LIKE ANGELES FOREST HIGHWAY AND BIG TUJUNGA CANYON THIS  
11    WINTER?

12

13   **MARK PASTRELLO:** WE DO EXPECT CLOSURE DURING THIS WINTER. WE  
14   ARE WORKING COOPERATIVELY AGAIN WITH U.S. FOREST SERVICE AS  
15   WELL AS CALTRANS TO LOOK AT A PROCESS OF NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC  
16   OF THOSE CLOSURES AS WELL AS GETTING THOSE ROADS OPEN AS SOON  
17   AS POSSIBLE.

18

19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE YOU THEN FORMULATING PLANS TO LET THE  
20   PUBLIC KNOW AHEAD OF TIME THAT THESE CLOSURES COULD OCCUR?

21

22   **MARK PASTRELLO:** YES. OF COURSE UNDER YOUR GUIDANCE, ALONG WITH  
23   YOUR SUPPORT, WE'RE ACTUALLY PREPARING TO DEVELOP A SERIES OF  
24   COMMUNITY MEETINGS AS WELL AS OUTREACH AND AGAIN USE OF THE



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1 INTERNET AND BILLBOARDS, PRESS RELEASES TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW  
2 WHEN CLOSURES WILL BE OCCURRING.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY STAFF HAS SPOKEN WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND  
5 FOREST SERVICE ABOUT A HEARING BEFORE OUR CITY COUNCILS AND  
6 TOWN COUNCILS IMPACTED BY THE AREA. ARE YOU DEVELOPING THAT  
7 PLAN FOR SUCH A PRESENTATION?

8

9 **MARK PASTRELLO:** YES, WE ARE. WORKING ALONGSIDE YOUR PUBLIC  
10 RELATIONS FOLKS AND THE PUBLIC RELATIONS FOLKS FROM THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PLAN A SERIES OF COMMUNITY  
12 MEETINGS BOTH ON RE-ENTRY INTO THEIR PROPERTIES WITH RESPECT  
13 TO PRIVATE PROPERTY AS WELL AS THE TRAVELING PUBLIC IN THE  
14 U.S. FOREST AREA.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WITH THE IMMINENT CONTAINMENT  
17 OF THE FIRES IN AND AREAS SURROUNDING THE NATIONAL FOREST, OUR  
18 FOCUS IS SWIFTLY SHIFTING FROM FIRE, TO DAMAGE, REPAIR AND  
19 RECOVERY. OUR STAFF ARE WORKING DILIGENTLY TO REOPEN SEVERAL  
20 COUNTY ROADS THAT REMAIN CLOSED DUE TO THE FIRE. ANGELOS  
21 FOREST HIGHWAY IN PARTICULAR SERVES AS A COMMUTER ROAD ROUTE  
22 BETWEEN ANTELOPE VALLEY AND L.A. BASIN. BIG TUJUNGA CANYON  
23 PROVIDES ACCESS TO THE BIG TUJUNGA DAM AND OTHER CRITICAL  
24 INFRASTRUCTURE. COUNTY WORKS HAS REPORTED THAT THE DESTRUCTION  
25 IS EXTENSIVE, IT HAS DESTROYED OR SEVERELY DAMAGED IN THE FIRE



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1 95 GUARDRAILS, MORE THAN 800 ROAD SIGNS, 47 MILES OF ROADWAY  
2 STRIPPING AND 850 BURNED ROADWAY TREES NEEDING REMOVAL. AS OUR  
3 FIRE FIGHTING HAD CONTINUED, A PUBLIC WORKS INITIATED  
4 INSPECTIONS OF CRITICAL FLOOD CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE TO ASSESS  
5 THE DAMAGE. VITAL UPGRADES OR REPAIRS TO THE DEBRIS BASINS,  
6 ROADWAY CULVERTS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM  
7 ANTICIPATED STORM AND DEBRIS FLOWS. TO DATE, ENGINEERING  
8 ADVICE TEAMS HAVE PROVIDED ADVICE TO ABOUT 80 RESIDENTS WITHIN  
9 THE CITIES OF LA CANADA AND FLINTRIDGE, AND ALSO WITHIN THE  
10 UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREAS OF LA CRESCENTA, AND THIS OUTREACH  
11 IS CONTINUING. IN THE WAKE OF THE FIRES' DESTRUCTION AND TO  
12 KEEP THE PUBLIC RESIDENTS FULLY APPRISED OF ANY AND ALL  
13 RECOVERY EFFORTS, I HAVE DIRECTED THAT PUBLIC WORKS TO EXPAND  
14 ITS EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE STAFF IS  
15 ALERT AND ABLE TO INFORM RESIDENTS ABOUT THE MUD FLOW  
16 PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDS. ON SEPTEMBER 8TH, OUR BOARD HAD  
17 ADOPTED SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MY MOTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC  
18 WORKS TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE UP TO \$25 MILLION IN EMERGENCY  
19 CONTRACTS. THIS ACTION WILL ENABLE PUBLIC WORKS TO RESTORE  
20 ACCESS TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO PREVENT AND REDUCE  
21 POTENTIAL FLOODING AND DAMAGE DUE TO MUD FLOWS. AS A FOLLOW UP  
22 TO THIS ACTION, I HAVE INITIATED A DIALOGUE BETWEEN PUBLIC  
23 WORKS AND U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A  
24 COMPREHENSIVE JOINT INFORMATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAM.  
25 THIS PROGRAM WILL BE KNOWN AS THE COORDINATED AGENCY RECOVERY



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1 EFFORT C.A.R.E. C.A.R.E. WILL BE A COOPERATIVE INTERAGENCY  
2 PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE TRANSPORTATION FLOOD BUILDING CODE,  
3 PUBLIC RELATIONS COMPONENTS OF THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF  
4 PUBLIC WORKS, THE U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE AND THE NATIONAL  
5 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION AS ITS CORE PARTICIPANTS.  
6 OTHER FEDERAL STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES WILL BE ADDED WHEN  
7 APPLICABLE. C.A.R.E. WILL OPERATE FROM A DEDICATED LOW  
8 LOCATION WITHIN THE PUBLIC WORKS HEADQUARTERS IN ALHAMBRA.  
9 THEIR GOAL TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO RESIDENTS, TOWN  
10 COUNCILS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, CITY  
11 MANAGERS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL STAFF RELATIVE TO RECOVERY AND  
12 REPAIR EFFORTS. COMMUNICATION WILL ADDRESS OUR PROGRESS AND  
13 IDENTIFY ONGOING POTENTIAL HAZARDS IN THE FIRES' AFTERMATH.  
14 THIS WILL BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE MEDIA RELEASES, BULLETINS  
15 AND PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE PUBLIC WORKS WEBSITE.  
16 IN ADDITION TO TRADITIONAL MEDIA OUTLETS, C.A.R.E. WILL  
17 UTILIZE CITY NEWSLETTERS, CABLE T.V. CHANNELS TO DISSEMINATE  
18 INFORMATION. THIS WILL INCLUDE MATERIALS CURRENTLY DISTRIBUTED  
19 BY THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT RELATING TO STORM PREPARATION  
20 AND PROTECTION. CARE WILL DEVELOP A UNIFIED AND UPDATED  
21 TALKING POINTS, TOGETHER WITH THE SPEAKERS' BUREAU, TO BE MADE  
22 AVAILABLE WHEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE SUCH PUBLIC INFORMATION. I  
23 HAVE ALREADY DIRECTED C.A.R.E. MANAGERS TO DEVELOP A SCHEDULE  
24 TO APPEAR BEFORE THE REGULARLY SCHEDULE MEETINGS OF ALL CITY  
25 COUNCILS AND TOWN COUNCILS IMPACTED BY THE FIRE. AND SO I





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1 WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
2 WORKS TO ESTABLISH A COORDINATED AGENCY RECOVERY EFFORT IN  
3 CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE AND THE  
4 NATIONAL INSTITUTE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION AND PROVIDE OFFICE  
5 SPACE AND SUPPORT WITH PUBLIC WORKS HEADQUARTERS IN ALHAMBRA,  
6 INITIATE CONTACT WITH OTHER FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES  
7 AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY TO SUPPORT RECOVERY AND  
8 REPAIR EFFORTS; DEVELOPING A SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES BEFORE  
9 IMPACTED CITY COUNCILS, TOWN COUNCILS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF  
10 BOTH THE FOREST SERVICE AND COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS; AND DEVELOP A  
11 COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAM, DIRECTING PRESS  
12 RELEASES BI-WEEKLY STATUS REPORTS, PUBLIC APPEARANCE AND  
13 WEBSITES. MR. CHAIR, I ASK THAT WE APPROVE THIS TODAY BECAUSE  
14 OF THE RAINS THAT COULD BE COMING AND HAVING THIS EFFORT. SO  
15 MOVED.

16  
17 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** I THINK YOU'D NEED A FINDING OF URGENCY.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HE WAS MOVING URGENCY. I WAS SECONDING  
20 URGENCY.

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22 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** FOUR VOTES.  
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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I GOT FOUR VOTES. I ACTUALLY GOT FIVE.  
2    MOVE THE ITEM. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. CHAIR WILL  
3    SECOND.. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. AND THEN ON S-1.

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7    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE ARE ALREADY DONE WITH THAT.

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9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. NEVER MIND. WE'LL DO IT NEXT WEEK.

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11    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENTS. I  
12    BELIEVE THAT'S ALL THAT'S LEFT, RIGHT? THAT TAKES CARE OF THE  
13    AGENDA? PUBLIC COMMENTS, HARRY GIBBENS. DANIEL GARCIA. DAVID  
14    WELLS WILL BE THE FIRST THREE SPEAKERS.

15

16    **HARRY GIBBENS (VIA INTERPRETER):** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS.  
17    HIS NAME IS HARRY GIBBENS. WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I HAVE AN  
18    INTERPRETER EXPLAIN FOR HIM HIS SITUATION. HARRY PROVIDED A  
19    LETTER AND FROM THAT I'M GOING TO BRIEFLY GO OVER WHY HE'S  
20    HERE. HE HAS THREE THINGS HE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS. ONE, ON  
21    OCTOBER 31ST, 2008, HE WAS ON AN ESCALATOR GOING UP AN  
22    ESCALATOR AND HE HAD A CART OR SUITCASE WITH HIM IN HAND GOING  
23    UP THE ESCALATOR AND THE WAY THE ESCALATOR WAS DESIGNED AND HE  
24    WAS UNEXPECTED, THIS WAS UNEXPECTED, THE CART STOPPED, WHICH  
25    PUSHED HIM BACK AND HE FELL DOWN THE ESCALATOR. AS HE FELL



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1 DOWN THE ESCALATOR, THE ESCALATOR WAS BRINGING HIM BACK UP AND  
2 IT CAUGHT ONTO HIS CLOTHING WHICH CAUSED HIM SOME INABILITY TO  
3 CATCH HIMSELF AND GET UP. SO HE SENT HIS COMPLAINT OR HE WENT  
4 TO THE METROPOLITAN, METRO INSURANCE AGENT, WHICH MITSUBISHI  
5 ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC HAD THE CONTRACT. HE SPOKE TO THOSE  
6 AGENTS THE M.T.A. AND MITSUBISHI AND NEITHER ONE HAS ASSISTED  
7 HIM FOR INSURANCE OR ANY PAYMENT FOR THE INJURIES HE SUFFERED  
8 FROM THIS INCIDENT. HE HAS PROVIDED YOU PICTURES OF WHAT HAS  
9 HAPPENED TO HIM AND THE OUTCOME OF THE INJURIES. AND THE THIRD  
10 REASON HE'S HERE, HE WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO HELP REDESIGN THAT  
11 ESCALATOR SO THIS WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO OTHER PEOPLE. SOME KIND  
12 OF WAY THERE'S A CURB OR A BUMP THERE THAT PREVENTS THE CART  
13 FROM MOVING SMOOTHLY ONTO THE LAND OR SURFACE, THE PLATFORM.  
14 AND HE FEELS THAT IT NEEDS TO BE REDESIGNED IN ORDER TO  
15 PREVENT THIS HAPPENING TO OTHER PEOPLE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE WILL TAKE THE INFORMATION AND  
18 FORWARD IT TO THE M.T.A.

19

20 **HARRY GIBBENS:** HE SAID OKAY.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

23

24 **HARRY GIBBENS:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE WILL SEND THIS TO THE M.T.A. WE SIT  
2   ON THE M.T.A. SO WE MAKE SURE THAT THEY GET THIS INFORMATION.  
3   OKAY? ALL RIGHT. MR. WELLS AND MR. GARCIA? WHO ELSE?

4

5   **DAVID WELLS:** THIS GOES TO MR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

6

7   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MARK ON THIS?

8

9   **DAVID WELLS:** SIR, YOU CONTRACT TO SERVICON FOR U.C.L.A.  
10   HARBOR? MAINTENANCE? SERVICON? SERVICON?

11

12   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

13

14   **DAVID WELLS:** OKAY. I WAS TREATED VERY RUDELY BY SERVICON AS I  
15   WAS TRYING TO GET EMPLOYMENT THERE. ON JUNE OF THIS YEAR BY  
16   MARTHA. AND I FILLED OUT AN APPLICATION IN JUNE AND SHE TOLD  
17   ME SHE LOST IT. I WENT BACK A MONTH LATER. SHE TOLD ME WELL  
18   SHE DIDN'T HAVE TIME FOR ME. THEN I WENT BACK A MONTH AGAIN.  
19   SHE GAVE ME ANOTHER APPLICATION TO FILL OUT. I GAVE HER MY  
20   BUSINESS CARD THAT I USED TO DO JANITORIAL WORK. AND SHE TOLD  
21   ME WELL, SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY OPENINGS. AND THEN SHE TELLS ME  
22   AGAIN THAT SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY TIME FOR ME. BUT D.O.J.,  
23   DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CLEARED ME BECAUSE I'M ALREADY-- I  
24   ALREADY HAVE SECURITY CLEARANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
25   JUSTICE. SO THEY CLEARED ME WITHIN THREE WEEKS OF SCANNING



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1 TESTS I TOOK AT THE HARBOR U.C.L.A., HUMAN RESOURCES CENTER  
2 AND DEPARTMENT BUILDING 3. AND SHE TOLD ME, THE RESOURCE  
3 CENTER TOLD ME THAT THEY SENT OVER AN EMAIL TO HER THAT I WAS  
4 CLEARED. AND SHE CLAIMS THAT SHE NEVER RECEIVED IT. AND THEN I  
5 CALLED AGAIN. SHE SAID SHE NEVER RECEIVED IT. THEN I WENT TO  
6 HARBOR RESOURCES CENTER AGAIN. AND THEY TOLD ME SHE DIDN'T  
7 RECEIVE IT. AND THE PERSON THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT IS  
8 VERONICA SOTO OF HARBOR RESOURCES WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE  
9 SENDING THAT TO HER. AND YET THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON NOW FOR  
10 ALMOST FOUR MONTHS.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU INDICATE HOW YOU  
13 WOULD LIKE FOR ME TO BE HELPFUL, MR. CHAIRMAN?

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15 **DAVID WELLS:** WELL, I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO INVESTIGATE WHAT  
16 THE PROBLEM IS, WHY AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN CANNOT BE HIRED BY  
17 SERVICON.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.

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21 **DAVID WELLS:** I'M AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND THERE ARE OTHER  
22 AFRICAN-AMERICANS, VERY FEW THAT ARE THERE. THEY'RE ALL  
23 HISPANIC. I'M NOT TALKING RACIAL, BUT--

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WOULD IT BE HELPFUL TO YOU IF I WERE TO  
2   ASSIGN A STAFF PERSON TO SPEAK WITH YOU RIGHT NOW ABOUT THE  
3   MATTER? WE CAN GO FROM THERE?

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5   **DAVID WELLS:** YES.

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7   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'LL DO IT IMMEDIATELY.

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9   **DAVID WELLS:** WHAT DID YOU SAY, SIR?

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11   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WILL DO IT IMMEDIATELY. STEP RIGHT THERE  
12   AND YOU'LL HAVE SOMEONE TALKING WITH YOU BEFORE YOU GET TO THE  
13   BOTTOM OF THE STEPS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.

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15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MR. GARCIA, THEN ARNOLD SACHS  
16   AND SAGE ALI.

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18   **DANIEL GARCIA:** BASICALLY THE STORY IS THE STORY. IN THIS WAY.  
19   THE STORY IS THAT \_\_\_\_\_ HE CAME TO ME AND HE ACTUALLY WAS  
20   INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE, TOLD ME THAT HE NEEDS HELP. AND I HAVE  
21   BEEN HELPING HIM. AND I BROUGHT HIM TO THE PUBLIC COUNCIL. AND  
22   THE PUBLIC COUNCIL SAY THAT THEY CANNOT HELP HIM ON ASSISTING  
23   LEGAL COURT OR LEGAL SERVICES BECAUSE THEY DON'T DO THOSE KIND  
24   OF SERVICES FOR INJURY. SO HE HAS ALREADY BEEN IN THE COURT.  
25   HAD BEEN AT THE COURT DOING THE PROCESS OF FINDING LAWYERS.



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1 AND COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT HIM. THE END OF THE STORY IS  
2 THAT PEOPLE LIKE HIM ABANDONED. ABANDONED BY THE COURT, BY THE  
3 JUSTICE. I MEAN, THERE'S NO SERVICES FOR PEOPLE LIKE HIM. AND  
4 I'M ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO AT LEAST PLEASE REMAIN  
5 ATTENTION TO HIS ISSUE BECAUSE THERE IS SO MUCH PEOPLE WITH  
6 DISABILITIES, SO MANY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES NOT BEING ABLE  
7 TO FIND THE RIGHT RESOURCES. AND FOR AN EXAMPLE OF THIS  
8 SITUATION, I THINK THEY DESERVE THESE PEOPLE TO ACTUALLY HAVE  
9 A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHERE \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE FUTURE. I HOPE YOU  
10 CAN HELP HIM OUT AS MUCH AS YOU CAN. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE'VE GOT THE INFORMATION.  
13 WE'LL MAKE SURE THE M.T.A. GETS IT AND FOLLOW UP THAT WAY. ALL  
14 RIGHT. MR. SACHS AND THEN IS SAGE ALI? SARKIS AGAJANIAN. OKAY  
15 MR. SACHS?

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17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN. THANK YOU.  
18 ARNOLD SACHS. I TOUCHED ON IT BRIEFLY WITH YOUR-- WHEN YOU  
19 WERE OUTSOURCING WORK FOR-- YOU FOUND THAT IT COULD BE DONE AT  
20 A MORE BENEFICIAL COST TO THE COUNTY, THE LIVING WAGE  
21 ORDINANCE THAT THE COUNTY HAS, THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE THAT  
22 THE CITY OF L.A. HAS, MORE LIKE A KILLING LIFE ORDINANCE. THE  
23 CITY'S PLANNING TO INCREASE FOR 60 PERCENT OF THE WORKERS  
24 COVERED BY THIS LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE, ONLY THE ONES AT THE  
25 AIRPORT. YOUR PLAN IS TO SOMEHOW GET THE AIRLINES TO ADD A FEE





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1 ONTO TICKETS THAT WILL COVER THE COST OF THIS INCREASE. I ALSO  
2 TOUCHED ON IT LAST WEEK THAT I THINK THE COUNTY SHOULD GET  
3 INVOLVED IN IT. THAT THEY SHOULD ALSO LOOK TO PUT A FEE ON THE  
4 AIRLINE TICKETS SINCE THE AIRLINES IS NOT A CITY AGENCY BUT A  
5 PROPRIETARY DEPARTMENT ONLY OPEN TO CITY SUGGESTIONS AND NOT  
6 CITY REGULATIONS. I THINK THAT THE COUNTY COULD LOOK AT THAT  
7 AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE ITS LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE FOR  
8 ALL THE WORKERS NOT COVERED BY A DECENT WAGE THAT WOULD ALLOW  
9 THEM TO GO OUT AND GET HEALTH INSURANCE. BECAUSE YOU HAVE  
10 ALLOWED COMPANIES TO DROP HEALTH INSURANCE IN LIEU OF GIVING  
11 THEM MORE MONEY. THAT BEING SAID, YOU HAVE AN ITEM ON YOUR  
12 AGENDA TODAY REGARDING BANNING SMOKING IN PARKS AND YOU ALSO  
13 HAD AN ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA THAT YOU'RE CONTINUING REGARDING  
14 SOME HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS FOR THE COUNTY. MY REQUEST WOULD  
15 BE TO INVOLVE NONSMOKING OR PHASE IN A PLAN OR A PROGRAM THAT  
16 ELIMINATES SMOKING AMONG COUNTY EMPLOYEES. IF THE PUBLIC IS  
17 GOING TO BE PAYING OR FOOTING A BILL FOR HEALTH INSURANCE FOR  
18 COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND YOU'RE SO HELL BENT ON ELIMINATING  
19 SMOKING AS A CAUSE FOR DISEASE IN PARKS, BEACHES, IN  
20 RESTAURANTS, OUTSIDE, INSIDE, UPSIDE, DOWNSIDE, THEN YOU NEED  
21 TO PHASE IN A PROGRAM THAT WOULD ALLOW COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO, A,  
22 SEEK MEDICAL HELP TO ELIMINATE SMOKING, OR, B, ELIMINATE  
23 SMOKING IN COUNTY-- BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES. AND, FINALLY, NEXT  
24 WEEK, THE M.T.A. BOARD MEETS. IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH YOUR  
25 BUS SERVICE, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY INCLUDE ANYBODY WHO RIDES A



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1 BUS, THEY WILL BE MEETING NEXT THURSDAY AT 9 A.M. IN THE TOWER  
2 OF BABEL. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SAGE ALI. LAST TIME SARKIS  
5 AGAJANIAN. HERMAN ARMANDO. OKAY, SAGE?

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7 **SAGE ALI:** YES. I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE THEY ARE TRYING TO TAKE  
8 MY SECTION 8, MY PUBLIC HOUSING FOR A CASE THAT I HAD IN 2001  
9 THAT THEY DIDN'T COME UNTIL 2008. THEY PUT ME ON SUMMARY  
10 PROBATION. I'M JUST HERE SAYING THAT IF MY SECTION 8 GET  
11 TAKEN, I HAVE NOWHERE FOR MY KIDS TO GO. AND WHY I'M ON  
12 SUMMARY PROBATION, I WAS TRYING TO GET SOME MILK TO FEED MY  
13 NEWBORN BABY IN 2001. AND IT CAUGHT UP WITH ME IN 2008. AND I  
14 DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO, WHO TO TALK TO. BUT I COME HERE TO THE  
15 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I LOST MY JOB WITH S.E.I.U. I  
16 ONLY HAVE THIS SECTION 8. I'M IN SCHOOL. I'M JUST ASKING FOR  
17 SOME HELP. I'M OFF SUMMARY PROBATION IN MAY AND THEN THEY SAY  
18 THAT THEY ARE DOING RANDOM CHECKS, THEY ARE NOT CHECKING  
19 EVERYBODY, WHICH I FEEL IS NOT FAIR BECAUSE I KNOW PEOPLE THAT  
20 FALSE SECTION 8 THAT ARE ON PAROLE, ANYTHING. AND I HAVE TWO  
21 BOYS. THAT'S MY MAIN THING. THEY WANT TO PUT ME OUT, FINE BUT  
22 MY BOYS, I DON'T WANT THEM ON THE STREETS. SO I'M JUST HERE  
23 BECAUSE ALL THE COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS, \_\_\_\_\_ AND I'M JUST  
24 ASKING, CAN YOU ALL PLEASE HELP ME? MY SECTION 8, I'VE BEEN  
25 HAVING IT SINCE 2000. I PAY MY RENT. I DO EVERYTHING.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT DISTRICT DO YOU LIVE IN?

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4 **SAGE ALI:** I LIVE ON 93RD. AND I THINK IT'S SECOND. NINETY-  
5 THIRD AND VERMONT.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL HAVE SOMEBODY FROM SUPERVISOR  
8 RIDLEY-THOMAS'S STAFF TALK TO YOU IF YOU'D STEP OVER THERE,  
9 PLEASE.

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11 **SAGE ALI:** THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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15 **SARKIS AGAJANIAN:** IF I COULD, SIR, I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS TO  
16 A COUNCIL PERSON MOLINA?

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON JUST A SECOND. ARMANDO HERMAN  
19 AND EDWARD MERIDA. HERMAN ARMANDO OR ARMANDO HERMAN. OKAY. ALL  
20 RIGHT. OKAY. GO AHEAD.

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22 **SARKIS AGAJANIAN:** MY NAME IS SARKIS AGAJANIAN. I REPRESENT THE  
23 MINISTRY OF COUNTER PROPAGANDA. I WAS ASSAULTED BY A BERZERK  
24 AND MENTALLY UNSTABLE SHERIFF'S DEPUTY ON 27TH FEBRUARY, 2008.  
25 SINCE THESE DEPUTIES DON'T GIVE THEIR NAMES OR BADGE NUMBERS



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1 AS REQUIRED UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW, I CALLED THE ONE WHO  
2 ASSAULTED ME A DEPUTY BRUCE LEE WANNABE AND SERGEANT DUMB DUMB  
3 RED NECK TRAILER TRASH. I SUBMITTED MY COMPLAINT TO THE  
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND WAITED SIX MONTHS. SIX MONTHS LATER I  
5 RECEIVED MY ANSWER. NOTHING HAPPENED. MOVE ON. WITHIN THE WEEK  
6 I WENT TO THE OMBUDSMAN OFFICE AND AFTER EIGHT LONG MONTHS,  
7 THEY CONCURRED WITH THE SHERIFFS' FINDINGS. 14 MONTHS. 14  
8 MONTHS IN A NANOSECOND CULTURE. THIS IS AN INSULT TO CIVIL  
9 SOCIETY, AN INDICATION OF THE LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND  
10 POWERFUL BUREAUCRACIES WITHIN OUR, WHAT'S THE WORD HERE? DEMO-  
11 CRACY. ESPECIALLY WARLORD BACA'S FIEFDOM. AND HE'S HERE. AND  
12 THIS WAS A COVER UP FROM THE BEGINNING AND WAS DONE SEAMLESSLY  
13 LIKE SO MANY OTHERS. ESPECIALLY IN EAST L.A. I HAVE WRITTEN  
14 THE D.A.'S OFFICE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION AS WELL AS STATE  
15 AND FEDERAL AGENCIES REGARDING THIS BLATANT VIOLATIONS OF  
16 ONE'S CIVIL RIGHTS RIGHTS. I PUT YOU FIVE ON NOTICE TODAY TO  
17 INVESTIGATE THIS EGREGIOUS VIOLATION OF LAWS BY DEPUTIES WHO  
18 THINK THEY OWN THE STREETS OF EAST L.A. AND CAN ASSAULT  
19 CITIZENS AT PLEASURE. I'M GOING TO MAKE CERTAIN THIS FORM OF  
20 POLICE BRUTALITY WILL NO LONGER BE TOLERATED. IN EAST LOS  
21 ANGELES AND THE ENTIRE NATION. THIS IS TYRANNY AT ITS BEST  
22 BECAUSE IT'S PETTY. AND BACA'S BOYS SEEM TO TAKE SUCH PLEASURE  
23 IN IT. NO MORE. HERE ARE MY PARTING WORDS FOR YOU AND ALL  
24 PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN THIS ROOM, ALL THE WAY TO WASHINGTON, D.C.  
25 DEMOCRACY IS COMING TO THE U.S.A. HIC RHODUS, HIC SALTUS



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS EDWARD HERE? OKAY. REVEREND TILLMAN?  
3 GO AHEAD MR. HERMAN.

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5 **ARMANDO HERMAN:** FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS ARMANDO HERMAN. AND  
6 WHAT IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ABILITY REQUIRED OF THE L.A.  
7 COUNTY GOVERNMENT WITH INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS? TAXPAYERS  
8 MUST APPROVE THE COURSE OF PLANNING FOR THE MANY IMPROVEMENTS  
9 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT IN DISTRICT 1. SHOULD PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND  
10 ANY WRITTEN COMMUNICATION BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO APPROVAL? AT A  
11 TIME WHEN THE MAYOR HAS MADE CRITICAL, INAPPROPRIATE DECISIONS  
12 FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, AT A TIME OF A  
13 RECESSION, THE MAYOR SHOULD BE MORE READY TO ACCEPT DIFFICULT  
14 REALITIES. THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LOS  
15 ANGELES MUST SOLVE THE ERRORS CREATED AT LOCAL LEVEL BEFORE  
16 DETERMINING NEW INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS. ACCORDING TO  
17 DATA, WE THE TAXPAYERS ARE DISPROPORTIONATE-- AGAIN  
18 DISPROPORTIONATE, FUELED IN PART BY TERRIBLE MISMANAGEMENT AND  
19 WASTE. IT'S NOT EFFECTIVE AND IT'S NOT EFFICIENT. IT'S NOT  
20 RESPONSIVE AND IT'S SERVICING THE FEW WHEN PEOPLE SEE NO  
21 IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR OWN CIRCUMSTANCES AS TODAY. THE SENTIMENT  
22 IS ONLY EXACERBATED BY THE FEARFUL RECESSION WHICH HAS DRIVE  
23 THE DEMAND THAT SOMEWHERE SOME ONE STOP THE DESTRUCTIVE  
24 SPIRAL. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE ISSUE OF BEING UNABLE TO MAKE  
25 THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR IMPORTANT AND ACCEPT DIFFICULT



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1 RESPONSIBILITIES AS LEADERS. MIXING UP WITH PASTINGS, MIXING  
2 UP WITH LOBBYISTS AND MIXING UP WITH MONEY DONORS. WHAT WAS  
3 THEIR VALUE? I'M SPEAKING IN PART AND PART OF WHAT I SAY  
4 TODAY, WHAT ABOUT MR. MIKE DUVAL? WHAT ABOUT IN THE PAST,  
5 FAYE DEL NUNEZ AND WHAT ABOUT TODAY WITH KAREN BASS? PUBLIC  
6 FUNDS SHOULD BE USED FOR PUBLIC USE. AND WE MUST BE  
7 ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUR ACTIONS AND OUR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TO  
8 USE TAX PAYING FUNDS. IN CONCLUSION, AND FURTHERMORE AND TO  
9 ANOTHER POINT, PLEASE, MISS MOLINA, AND THOSE OF YOU IN THIS  
10 ASSEMBLY TODAY, I ASK PLEASE ASK MY CITY COUNCILMAN IN C.D. 14  
11 TO ADDRESS MY CONCERNS, TO TAKE ACTION TO USE HIS SKILLS, HIS  
12 KNOWLEDGE AND HIS MEASURE OF SKILLS TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC WHEN  
13 IT COMES TO COMMUNICATION IN OUR AREA. I DO NOT DELIGHT AND I  
14 TAKE HIS CRITICISM OF HIS STAFF TO SAY THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE  
15 AT CITY HALL THAT DISLIKE ME. AND ALL I'M TRYING TO DO IS  
16 ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES AND THOSE  
17 WHO LIVE AND RESIDE IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. REVEREND TILLMAN, WELCOME  
20 BACK.

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22 **REV. C.R. TILLMAN:** OH, WELL. WELCOME TO YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
23 OF COURSE THE OTHER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND OF COURSE THE  
24 NEWLY APPOINTED AND ELECTED SUPERVISOR MR. THOMAS. I'M HERE ON  
25 A RARE OCCASION SOMETHING THAT CONCERNS ME PERSONALLY. AND I



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1 WAS GOING TO ASK FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON ITEM NO. 35,  
2 WHICH IS IN MY SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT, ANTONOVICH, WHICH IS THE  
3 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REHABILITATION BOARD HEARINGS. AND I  
4 KNOW THAT HAS ALREADY PASSED, BUT I'M TALKING ON PUBLIC  
5 COMMENT BECAUSE I'M ASKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THAT  
6 REOPENED OR TO HAVE THAT AT LEAST STAYED 10 DAYS OR TWO WEEKS  
7 IN ORDER TO GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESOLVE THE MINOR ISSUES  
8 THAT ARE LEFT WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE BEEN  
9 IN CONTACT AND WORKING WITH EACH OTHER TRYING TO RESOLVE THE  
10 ISSUES. I DID FOR THE RECORD SUBMIT A TYPED AND HANDWRITTEN  
11 ITEM TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD THAT GOES OVER, A LITTLE BIT  
12 OF THE SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH BECAUSE OF THE LATENESS OF THE HOUR  
13 AND I DIDN'T GET NOTICE OF THIS PARTICULAR HEARING, WE KIND OF  
14 RUSHED AND PUT IT TOGETHER. BUT AT THE TIME OF THE CONTACT  
15 INITIALLY, I WAS IN BANKRUPTCY AND PRESENTLY THE CO-OWNER IS  
16 IN CHAPTER 13 BANKRUPTCY, WHICH HAS BEEN CONFIRMED. BUT  
17 BECAUSE THE ISSUES ARE NOW VERY MINOR AND HAVE MOSTLY CENTER  
18 AROUND WHAT IS DEFINED AS INOPERABLE VEHICLES, AND DOES AN  
19 ANTIQUE VEHICLE THAT'S BEING RESTORED CAN BE CONSIDERED  
20 VALUABLE AND NOT UNDER THE INOPERABLE STATUTE? AND THE OTHER  
21 VEHICLES THAT ARE IN QUESTION ARE REGISTERED AND RUNS. SO  
22 THEY'RE NOT REALLY UNDER THE INOPERABLE OR DISMANTLED VEHICLE.  
23 AND I WASN'T ABLE TO PRESENT THIS EVIDENCE AT THE INITIAL  
24 HEARING BECAUSE I WAS UNABLE TO BE THERE. I HAD AN INJURY AND  
25 I SUBMITTED EXHIBIT A OF A MEDICAL DOCUMENT THAT SHOWS I WAS





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1 HOSPITALIZED BECAUSE I INJURED MY KNEE, MY LEG AND MY ANKLE  
2 AND I HAD TO HAVE A BRACE ON IT. SO I WASN'T ABLE TO ATTEND.  
3 SO I NEVER HAD THE DUE PROCESS ISSUE. AND I CONTACTED THEM AND  
4 ASKED THEM TO PUT IT OFF. BUT THEY SAID YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO  
5 APPEAL AND HAVE A DE NOVO HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD. AND THEN  
6 THEY COULD GIVE YOU AN EXTENSION, TWO WEEKS TO A MONTH IN  
7 ORDER TO COMPLETE AND REFER BACK TO THE REHABILITATION BOARD.  
8 SO I'M HERE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP AND YOUR ASSISTANCE TO  
9 RESOLVE WHAT IS A MINOR PROBLEM. AND ALSO MAYBE FOR OTHER  
10 RESIDENTS TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE OF WHAT IS DEFINED AS  
11 INOPERABLE VEHICLES? BECAUSE QUITE A FEW EX-COUNCILMEN AND  
12 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY DO HAVE AN ANTIQUE VEHICLE IN THEIR  
13 POSSESSION. AND THEY DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO BE THREATENED WITH  
14 MOVING IT BECAUSE OF A STATUTE THAT'S NOT REALLY FLEXIBLE IN  
15 TERMS OF WHAT IS THE DEFINITION. MAYBE THERE COULD BE SOME  
16 GUIDANCE AND IF YOU COULD HELP ME I'D BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING  
17 HOW YOU CAN HELP ON ITEM NO. 35.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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21 **REV. C. R. TILLMAN:** SHOULD I REFER IT TO MY SUPERVISOR  
22 ANTONOVICH?

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK MR. ANTONOVICH COULD PROBABLY  
2   GET YOU THAT CLARIFICATION ON INOPERABLE VEHICLE. PAUL WILL  
3   TALK TO YOU OVER THERE.

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5   **REV. C. R. TILLMAN:** AND WHAT ABOUT THE RECONSIDERATION OF  
6   BEING ABLE TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT EVIDENCE AS TO  
7   THE ITEM NO. 35? PRETTY MUCH SO. WE JUST GOT THE VEHICLES--  
8   PRETTY MUCH THAT'S CORRECT. BUT WE STILL HAVE THE ISSUE OF THE  
9   VEHICLES. IT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE ANOTHER DAY TO FINISH. AND  
10   THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE SCHEDULED FOR MAYBE A WEEK OR TWO FROM  
11   NOW. SAY IT AGAIN? [INAUDIBLE] WELL I THINK IF I HAD AN  
12   OPPORTUNITY TO BE PRESENT AND PRESENT THE EVIDENCE.

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14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PAUL WILL TALK TO YOU ON THIS. GOT TO BE A  
15   GOOD NEIGHBOR.

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17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC  
18   COMMENT. YOU WILL READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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20   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
21   NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
22   CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. C.S.-1,  
23   CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,  
24   ITEM NO. C.S.-2, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR EMPLOYMENT TO  
25   THE POSITION OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES INDEPENDENT



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1 REVIEW SERVICES OFFICER, ITEM NO. C.S.-3, CONFERENCE WITH  
2 LABOR NEGOTIATORS WILLIAM T FUJIOKA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
3 AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AND ITEM NO. C.S.-5, CONFERENCE WITH  
4 LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS  
5 INDICATED ON THE AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1    **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

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5    CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

6    (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Karawia

7    Industries, Inc., et al., v. County of Los Angeles, Debtors

8    Case No. 2:09-bk-19846-EC (09-1577)

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10    Action Taken: The Board authorized settlement of the lawsuit

11    titled Karawia Industries, Inc., et al., v. County of Los

12    Angeles. The substance of the settlement will be disclosed

13    upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes

14    final following approval by all parties.

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16    The vote of the Board was 4 to 1 with Supervisor Molina voting

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19    No reportable action was taken on items CS-2, CS-3 or CS-5.

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21    In Open Session, item CS-4 was taken off calendar at the

22    request of the Chief Executive Officer.

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2 Number 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of  
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10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
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